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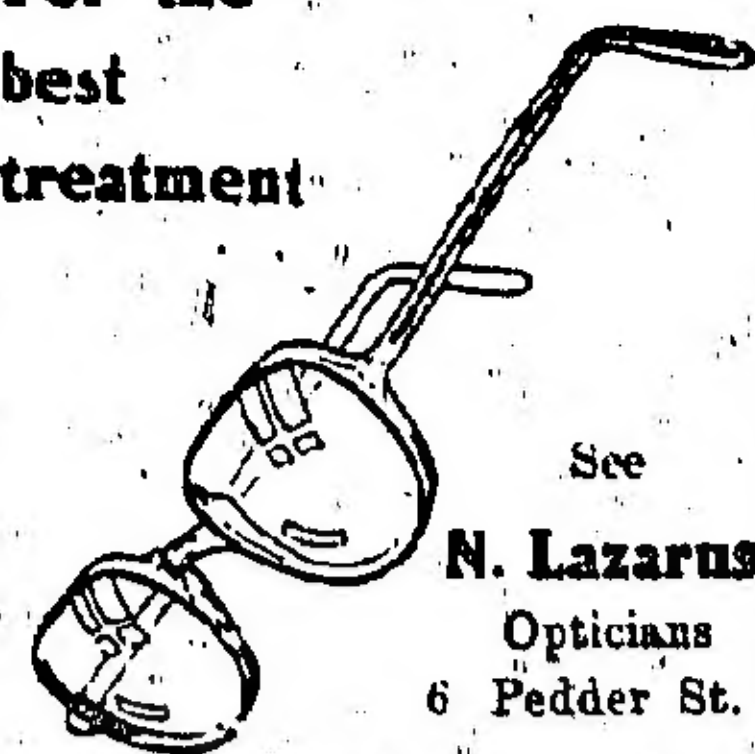
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Japanese Planes Active Near The Border

Bombs Dropped Near Tongtowha

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS IN BIAS BAY

NEWS REACHED "THE DAILY PRESS" YESTERDAY AFTERNOON OF THE PRESENCE IN SOUTH CHINA WATERS, NOT FAR FROM HONG KONG, OF TWO JAPANESE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AND FOUR MEN-O-WAR.

The exact nature of their activities here is not known, but the opinion is held in usually well-informed quarters that preparations are probably afoot for a thorough survey of the coast for the anticipated large-scale operations which may probably be launched if and when the position around Nanking and the north has been liquidated.

Considerable bombing of the Kowloon-Canton Railway was again carried out yesterday afternoon, five planes taking part. These machines, presumably took off from the carriers now anchored near Bias Bay.

The first reports reaching Hong Kong yesterday was to the effect that Fukut, a few miles from the

frontier was bombed, but a later message denied this, stating that the planes merely flew over Fukut, turned north and then dropped bombs between Tongtowha and Kingtongwai. The extent of the damage done, if any, is not known.

A report received by the local office of the Chinese Maritime Customs stated that bombs were dropped

about five miles from the Kong Kong frontier.

The fact that two aircraft carriers have arrived in the south and are stationed in close proximity to the coast may be taken to indicate that intensification of the bombing raids on the southern railways is contemplated.



A characteristic photograph taken at the last Sunday meet of the Fanling Hounds.

Report On Mui Tsai In Colony

S.C.A. FIGURES

Unemployment In Territories

The report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for the year 1936 was tabled at the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

The report states that at the beginning of the year the number of registered mui tsais in the Colony was 1,928 but by the end of December this had been reduced by 344 to a total of 1,584. The main items in this reduction were marriage, permanent departure from the Colony, restoration to parents or relatives and securing independent employment.

Seventy-two persons were prosecuted under the Female Domestic Service Ordinance, the total number of charges preferred being 101. In all cases involving unregistered mui tsais, the girls were either restored to their relatives or placed in a suitable institution. The number of inmates of the Po Leung Kuk on January 1, 1936, was 59 and during the year 615 persons were admitted as against 362 in 1935.

AGRICULTURE IN TERRITORIES

Report For Southern
District

Dealing with agriculture, the report on the New Territories, southern district for last year, states:—

The district, as a whole, may claim to have enjoyed a fair measure of prosperity during the year in spite of the severe typhoon of August 18 which did considerable damage to the rice crops in Southern Lantau and to the salt pans in Tai O. Both rice, crops were good as also were the sweet potato and vegetable crops.

The firewood and beancurd industries also did well. Cattle, pigs and poultry, chiefly produced at Tsun Wan and Tai O, were reported very satisfactory. Prices generally were well sustained.

LIGHT BLUES WIN

London, Dec. 14: Cambridge beat Oxford 3-2 in the inter-Varsity squash racket played to-day.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

Sensation In Paris

ILLICIT ARMS DEPOT DISCOVERED

Garage Owner Missing

Paris, Dec. 14: An illicit arms depot, claimed to be the largest unearthed since the beginning of the enquiry into the Czar affair was discovered in a garage in the east side of Paris.

The arms included six light Hotchkiss machine-guns two of which came from a mobilisation depot in Laon and 80 rifles.

The owner of the garage is reported to be missing.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE AIRMEN PUNISHED

Shanghai, Dec. 14: According to a Japanese statement, some of the Japanese flyers responsible for the bombing of the U.S.S. Panay have already been punished while others have been sent to Japan in disgrace.—*Transocean News Service.*

SIR WALFORD SELBY IN LISBON

London, Dec. 15: When the new British Ambassador to Portugal, Sir Walford Selby, reached Lisbon to-day he was greeted by, among others, a representative of Dr. Salazar and Portuguese, British and French diplomats. The new Ambassador referred to the long ties of friendship between Portugal and Britain and promised to do his utmost to make them ever stronger.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

SHANGHAI RICE SHORTAGE PROBLEM SERIOUS

Hankow, Dec. 15: The rice shortage problem in Shanghai is becoming more serious as a result of the Japanese military refusing to let 20,000 piculs of rice stored south of Soochow Creek be removed into the Settlement and French Concession, according to a report received from foreign sources.

It is also stated that Chinese and foreign rice firms have concluded a contract for the purchase of 250,000 bags of rice from Indo-China which is due to arrive in Shanghai on December 20. Owing to various difficulties in obtaining special permits to import the rice, it is reported that no further purchases will be made for the time being.—*Central News.*

NEED FOR H.K. PRISON REFORM

Startling Facts Disclosed In Report

QUESTION OF FOOD COSTS

The need for wholesale prison reform in Hong Kong is emphasised by the report of the Overcrowding of Prisons Committee, which tabled at the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon. The report contains startling revelations.

In the case of overcrowding it is shown that at one time this year Stanley Gaoi, which has accommodation for 1,500, was housing 1,154 prisoners, despite the fact that 800 cells were useless as they possessed no locks.

Particular attention is paid to the question of food costs, and the committee shows that not only do first class rations cost \$13 per month per head, as compared with the normal average among the Chinese of \$5 to \$7 a month, but that for approximately 20 years the system of tendering by ration has been in existence in the Colony and that the tender has been obtained by a contractor under the sign of Hop Kee, whom the Committee endeavoured to discover, but found only an office in Connaught Road, attended by a clerk, who professed to know nothing about it.

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INDEPENDENCE FOR SYRIA

Paris, Dec. 15: France and Syria have agreed on all points of a Treaty whereby Syria which is mandated to France will be given complete independence in 1940.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

THE ARCADIAN THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE MUSICAL PLAY

BY "STALLS"

The congratulations of the theatre-loving public go to the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society on the great success they scored last night with "The Arcadians" which had its premiere at the Queen's Theatre. Here in Hong Kong it is rather the exception than the rule to have a packed house at any "first night" but the theatre last night was very nicely filled and judging by the enthusiastic way the audience received "The Arcadians," I make bold to predict "full houses" for the next three nights. I have been informed that on Friday night His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, as well as His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Commandeur E. B. Dicken will attend.

Primarily, I would commend to the public the spirit of this Society in presenting for its amusement such a musical, which for accuracy in production, labour in its setting, faithful rendering of its lyrics, and collaboration of its "ensemble" require that enthusiasm, enterprise and tact which Mr. W. Robertson, the Hon. Producer, brings in its production.

The orchestra, under the baton of its Hon. Conductor, Mr. L. A. Lafford, worthily stimulates the cast to their brightest efforts, and combined with the commendable labour of those "behind," leaves one assured that the Society has added another star to its already bright armament.

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RECENT RABAU DISASTER

Bravery Recognised

London, Dec. 15: For services rendered in the recent volcanic disaster in Rabaul, the King has approved of the bestowal of honours on officials and residents of New Guinea.

The Administrator of New Guinea (Brig.-Gen. W. R. McNicoll) receives the order of Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, while nine others will receive orders ranging from C.B.E. to the King's Police Medal for conspicuous bravery.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

STROMBOLI ERUPTION

Rome, Dec. 14: A volcano in the island of Stromboli near Sicily suddenly erupted last night with a violent blast but nobody was hurt.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

Mikado Talks To Chiefs

APOLOGY TO ROOSEVELT IMPROBABLE

London, Dec. 15: The Emperor of Japan conferred with leading Japanese military personages, including the Chief of the Admiralty, Admiral Yonai, on Tuesday evening and discussed with them the situation in connection with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's protest Note according to a "Daily Express" report from Tokyo this morning. The conference was adjourned after one hour and was resumed shortly after.



Other messages from Tokyo declare that it is extremely improbable that the Emperor of Japan himself will answer President Roosevelt's protest since this would involve the Emperor in politics which would be incompatible with Japanese tradition according to which the Emperor's person is "sacred."—*Transocean News Service.*

ITALIAN YOUTHS KILLED

Rome, Dec. 14: Ten Italian youths were killed in an avalanche whilst skiing in the Alps near the Austrian border.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

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LARGE SUM RAISED AT CHARITY BALL

International Medical Relief Function Brilliant Success

CHIEF JUSTICE'S SYMPATHETIC APPEAL FOR WORTHY CAUSE

Held in a gay and brilliant atmosphere, with gorgeous Chinese gowns and chic western evening dresses moving in continuous pageantry against a traditional male background of black and white, the Charity Ball sponsored by the International Medical Relief Committee, which took place in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel last night, was in every way an unqualified success.

The Ball was held under the distinguished patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote, and His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor was President of the event. Many other well-known residents and other notables were present, the attendance being unprecedentedly large and all accommodation was taken up.

Music for dancing was rendered by the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra under the leadership of Art Carneiro, and the proceedings were made more interesting and enjoyable by several excellent cabaret numbers in which well-known local artists took part. The dinner was donated by an anonymous gentleman who, in spite of his modest reticence is known as one enjoying a wide popularity.

The speech was rendered into Chinese by the Hon. Sir Chou-son Chow, who very kindly performed this duty for the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the latter being unable, on account of indisposition, to act as Vice-President of the Ball.

\$5,165 RAISED
A grand total of \$5,165 was raised. Actually the sum was \$5,115 but this was supplemented by \$50 won in a sweepstake by Mr. R. Raymond who kindly returned the amount to the fund.

In the course of the evening, the President read the following telegram from the Chinese Medical Association of Shanghai: "Dr. Arthur Woo, Hong Kong—Best wishes for successful party for worthy cause—Greetings!"
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KING AT CHILDREN'S PARTY

London, Dec. 15: Birthday greetings from all parts of the world reached King George yesterday. In the afternoon His Majesty and the Queen together with Queen Mary and the Duchess of Kent were present at a children's party given in Buckingham Palace for Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret. About ninety children were present.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service.*

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London Silver Market

(From Our Own Correspondent).

London, Dec. 15:
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Refugees from Chapel.

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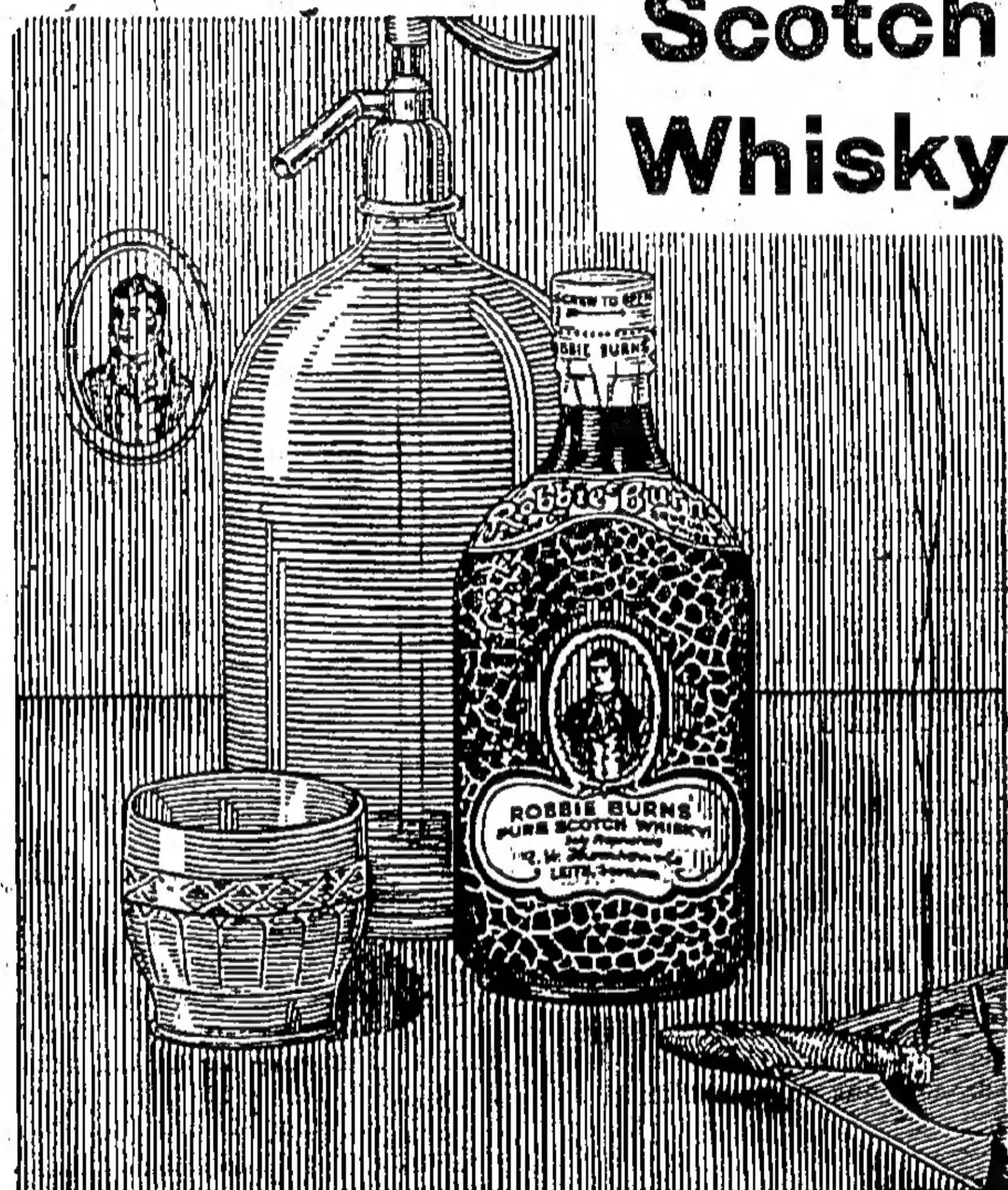
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

HOUSING QUESTION TO BE PROBED

In reply to the motion by Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., regarding civil servants' housing problem in Hong Kong and requesting the appointment of a committee to go into the matter, the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Mr. N. L. Smith, at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, said the motion was acceptable to the Government and that the proposed committee would be appointed in due course under the chairmanship of the Financial Secretary.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, presided and there was a full attendance of members.

SHING MUN DEFECT

The Hon. Mr. Lo Man-kam, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—

Will Government make a statement to this Council in regard to the reported defect discovered in Shing Mun, and the position regarding thereto of the Hong Kong Government, the Consulting Engineers, and the Resident Engineer?

The Director of Public Works replied as follows:—

After the Jubilee Reservoir had filled certain movements in the rock fill and core wall of the Pineapple Pass Dam were observed.

The facts were communicated to the Consulting Engineers for their advice and Mr. Binnie, who was then on his way to Rangoon, decided to come on to Hong Kong and make a personal inspection.

Mr. Binnie visited the Colony and inspected the Works in October and before leaving presented a preliminary report asking for certain investigations to be carried out, on the receipt of the results of which, he would finally report what remedial measures, if any were necessary.

The Consulting Engineers are still available for consultation by Government and the Resident Engineer who is now out of Government service is directing investigations and will supervise free of charge, and remedial work which may be necessary.

Investigations cannot be completed until the water in the reservoir has reached a much lower level than at present.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary moved:—

That the Reports of the Finance Committee (Nos. 8 and 9), dated 20th October, 1937, and 17th November, 1937, respectively be adopted. Carried.

BETTING TAX

The Hon. the Financial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer moved:—

Whereas under section 6 (1) of the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, as amended by the Betting Duty Amendment Ordinance, 1934, it is provided that on every bet made on any totalisator or pari-mutuel authorized by the said Ordinance there shall be charged a duty on a scale to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Legislative Council: And whereas such a scale was determined by resolution on the 13th September, 1934: And whereas it is expedient to revoke such resolution and to determine a new scale:—

It is hereby Resolved that the Resolution of the 13th September, 1934, (which was published as Government Notification No. 697 in the "Gazette" of the 14th September, 1934) be revoked with effect from the 1st April, 1938 and that thereafter on every bet made on any totalisator or pari-mutuel authorized under the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, there shall be charged a duty of two per cent. of the amount paid, contributed or subscribed.

He said:—

I rise to move the resolution standing in my name varying the duty charged on bets made on totalisators or pari-mutuel under the Betting Duty Ordinance. At present there is a sliding scale of duty varying between 1 and 3 per cent according to the total amount of bets placed with the pari-mutuel during the accounting year. This scale was fixed by resolution of the Legislative Council of the 13th September, 1934. It has turned out, however, that it leads to certain practical difficulties in application. The club responsible for the running of the pari-mutuel is obliged under section 3 of the Betting Duty Ordinance, 1931, to distribute prizes not less than 90 per cent of the total bets after deduction of duty but owing to the operation of the sliding scale the net amount available for distribution

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\$111,632 COLLECTED IN FINES

MAGISTRACIES REPORT

Increases In Cases

The report of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Magistracies for last year, tabled at the Legislative Council yesterday, states:—

In Hong Kong the number of cases was 37,044 as compared with 34,425 in 1935. Fines totalled \$72,891.

In Kowloon the number of cases was 25,249 as compared with 22,302 in 1935. Fines totalled \$38,711.

Compared with last year, both revenue and expenditure in Hong Kong show slight increases. In Kowloon, however, expenditure shows a great increase and revenue a marked drop; the former arises from an increase in personal emoluments.

There were increases of significance in the number of persons convicted compared with 1935: larceny in almost every form; trespass and damage on Crown Land; dangerous drug offences; tobacco and liquor offences; returning from banishment; hawkers' offences; and traffic offences—all kinds; those which show decreases are common assault; weights and measures offences (Hong Kong only); opium offences; breach of the peace; brothels and prostitution; obstruction; firecracker offences; and unlicensed and unmuzzled dogs.

An attempt was made to collect statistics of offenders previously convicted and of those who had been bound over and had their bonds enforced. The ratio of the former to the total number of persons convicted was 1.38 per cent. in 1936 compared with 1.83 per cent. in 1935; the ratio of the convicted whose bonds were enforced to those bound over was 8.7 per cent. as against 3.39 per cent. in 1935. This increase, however, means little more than an improved collection of statistics.

The figures for juvenile offenders show a decrease of both boys and girls in Hong Kong, but an immense increase in boys in Kowloon, and a small increase in girls. The decrease in Hong Kong is partly due to greater strictness in observing the age limit, disregarding the mistakes and lies of the offenders and their parents as to age; the increase in Kowloon is attributed mainly to more frequent Police raids, and partly to the Kowloon population. The penalty of caning evidently has not affected these figures, as only 9 were caned in Hong Kong as against 47 in Kowloon for all classes of offences.

Good work continued to be done by probation officers both in the courts and in the remand homes.

FORGED BANK NOTES

Charged with possession of 17 forged (Kwangtung Provincial Bank) \$1 bank-notes, Cheung Yuk-fan, aged 28, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and the jury empanelled for the case were Messrs. C. E. da Rozario (foreman), G. S. Rodger, Tsui Salfan, F. F. Dunnott, H. O. Marcal, D. D. A. Alonso and Ng Chan-kwan.

Conducting the prosecution, the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. E. H. Williams, said that the accused was arrested when he was about to proceed to Canton. His rattle suitcase was searched and it was found to have a false bottom.

When searched by Detective-Sergeant E. S. Brooks, 17 forged notes were found in his breast pocket.

After witnesses had given evidence, accused made a statement, denying that he knew that the notes were forgeries.

THEFT OF MONEY

A remand of 48 hours was granted by Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday on the application of Detective-Sergeant Forrest, in the case in which Kwok King, aged 20, formerly a servant employed by Li Lam-sin residing at No. 200 Reclamation Street, was charged with the theft of \$1,500 between August 23 and November 25. Leung Tsat, married woman, charged with receiving \$500 was also remanded.

POLICE COURT CASES

Tam Pun, 47, unemployed, was fined a total of \$450 or three months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of preparing opium, possession of prepared opium, and keeping an opium divan at No. 29, Ship Street.

An application for the confiscation of 500 pills containing an admixture of dangerous drugs was made before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest. They were found unclaimed on the S.S. Fuk On at the Connaught Road Wharf on Tuesday. The application was granted.

Yielding to temptation and stealing a jewel box belonging to her mistress, Ho Yuk, aged 21, married woman, employed by Mrs. Pui Kit-wa of No. 83, Hill Road, second floor, was arrested and brought before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Pleading guilty to the charge, she was sentenced to three months' hard labour. The box contained \$200 in Hong Kong money, \$10 in Chinese currency, a pair of gold ear-rings and an electric light deposit receipt. Defendant had taken it from under the complainant's bed and damped.

A life banishment with a long list of previous convictions behind him, Lal Wan, 38, broke away from police custody in Arbuthnot Road on Tuesday while being held on a committal warrant charging him with breach of the Deportation Order, and made a bid for freedom. He was chased, however, and re-arrested in Portland Street. Brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, he was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

POSSESSION OF MORPHINE

Found guilty of possession of eight ounces of diacetyl-morphine, sufficient to make 200,000 heroin pills, at No. 197 Wanchai Road, ground floor, on November 2, Lau Chuen, aged 42, unemployed seaman, was sentenced to three and a half years' hard labour when he stood trial before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the jury empanelled for the case were Messrs. J. Wong Chang-ling (foreman), J. J. Whyte, Chung Pak-cheung, J. R. Gomes, Lee Fook-tong, B. O'Donnell Paterson and G. A. Cruz.

Opening for the Crown, Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, stated that accused was arrested during a raid by Chinese Revenue Officers, headed by the Senior Revenue Officer, Mr. A. W. Grimmit, and the Government Monopoly Analyst, Mr. H. A. Taylor, at about 8.40 p.m. on November 2 last.

The drugs were found in the rear and front cubicles of the premises and, questioned by Mr. Grimmit, accused said that the drugs belonged to him and had nothing to do with his wife and children who were also on the premises.

However, at the Police Station, accused made a statement alleging that the drugs belonged to one, Wong Kong.

When charged at the Central Magistracy accused said: "I have been used by some person, because I did not know anything of this. I have so many people, old and young. I hope Your Worship will deal leniently. I have six children, also a grandfather, who who is 78 years old."

Defendant, in the dock said the premises belonged to Wong Kong, who had written to his wife and suggested that he and his wife should look after the flat. He found the packets on the premises but did not know what they were.

After he had returned from some tea, he found the European officers in the flat and opened the packets. Had he known that they contained anything illegal, he would not have returned.

After a short retirement, the jury unanimously found defendant guilty.

Passing sentence, his Lordship said it was quite impossible to believe there was no one in Hong Kong who did not by now know of the attitude which the Government in this Colony had been forced to adopt towards this abominable trade. His Lordship added that he was quite satisfied that defendant had possession of the heroin in order to form it into pills to be sold for the consumption of the unhappy pill smokers in this Colony.

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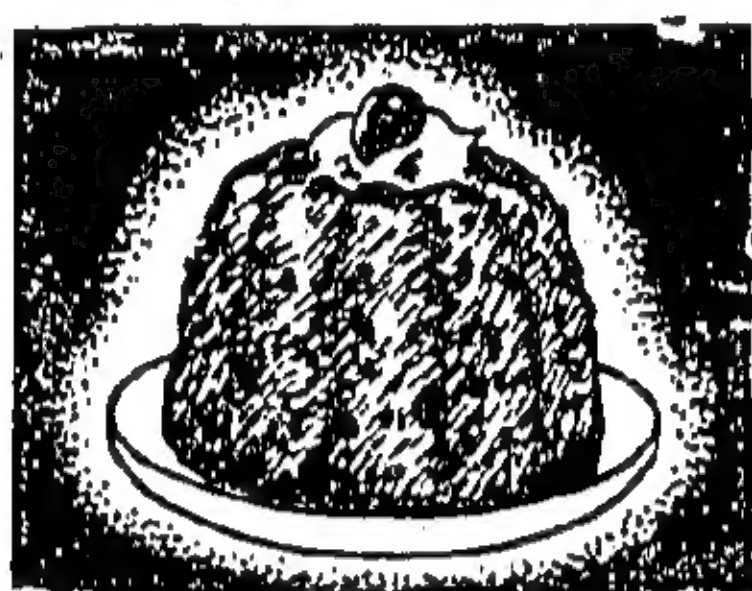
PLUM PUDDING

AND FRUIT CAKE ARE FAVOURITES

Now is the time to prepare your fruit cakes and plum puddings for the holidays. And here are recipes to assure the success of your efforts:

BAKED PLUM PUDDING

- 3 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1 teaspoon allspice
 - 3 tablespoons brown sugar
 - 1 cup molasses
 - 3 tablespoons melted butter
 - 2 cups milk
 - 9 graham crackers, crumbled
 - 1 cup raisins
- Beat eggs, add other ingredients. Mix crumbled crackers with raisins and combine with first mixture. Bake in a moderate oven 35 to 40 minutes. Serve warm with hard sauce.



CASSEROLE FRUIT CAKE

- 1 cup dried apricots
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup silvered candied cherries
- 1 cup candied orange peel
- 1 cup sliced citron
- 1 cup silvered almonds
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda

Cover apricots with cold water and boil 1 minute. Drain and slice coarsely. Then beat the shortening, sugar, egg yolk together until light. Stir in raisins and fruits. Sift salt, flour, salt and soda. Add alternately with stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into well-greased casserole. Cover it. Bake in a very slow oven 2 hours or longer.

FRUIT CAKE

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon each of nutmeg, allspice and cloves
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 pkg. pitted dates
- 1 pound almonds (whole)
- 5 eggs
- 1 pound candied cherries (whole)
- 1 pound pecans (whole)
- 1 pound white raisins
- 1 pound puffed raisins
- 1 pound candied pineapple
- 1 pound citron
- 1 pound orange and lemon peel, mixed
- 1 small glass cherry or grape jelly

Drags fruit with the 1 cup flour. Cream butter and sugar, add eggs and beat thoroughly. Add dry ingredients alternately with orange juice and jelly. Combine with fruit. Turn into a well greased tube pan or 3 loaf pans. Line bottom of pan with paper. Do not smooth batter. Garnish and bake 3 to 4 hours at moderate heat.

PLUM PUDDING

A hot pudding made with bottled plums will tempt tired appetites.

Ingredients:—1 lb. plain flour, one small teaspoonful baking powder, a pinch of salt, 4oz. shredded suet, water to mix, 1 lb. jar of plums, two tablespoonfuls of sugar if plums are unsweetened.

Sieve flour, salt, and baking powder together, add the suet, mix to a stiff paste with water. Roll out two-thirds of the paste, and line a greased pudding basin. Fill with plums, add sugar if necessary, and pour over a little of the juice.

Damp the edges, and cover with a pastry lid. Cover with greased paper and steam for two hours. Turn out and serve with custard.

GOOSEBERRY MOULD

A quickly prepared sweet is gooseberry mould.

Ingredients:—1 bottle gooseberries, sweetened, 1 egg, 4oz. marine, 6oz. self-raising flour, 3oz. sugar, a pinch of salt, a little milk.

Sieve together the flour and salt, add the creamed sugar and margarine, stir in the beaten egg and milk to mix.

Put the gooseberries into a greased pudding basin, then add the sponge mixture. Cover with greaseproof paper, tie on a pudding cloth and steam for two hours.

MINCEMEAT ROLY-POLY

That last jar of mincemeat will come now as a treat if used to make mincemeat roly-poly.

Ingredients:—1 lb. self-raising flour, a pinch of salt, 3oz. shredded suet, 1 lb. mincemeat.

Mix flour, salt and suet together, add sufficient cold water to form a stiff dough. Roll out on a floured board, then spread liberally with the mincemeat, damp the edges and roll up tightly. Seal the ends.

Sprinkle a scalded pudding cloth with flour, or put on a piece of buttered paper, place the pudding in the cloth, and roll up tightly. Tie both ends with tape, fix a safety pin in the centre, then plunge into boiling water. Boil for 1½ hours.

MINCEMEAT FINGERS

With the remainder of the mincemeat in the jar, I suggest you make mincemeat fingers for tea.

Roll out some pastry, place in a shallow tin, spread with mincemeat, then place more pastry on top. Mark the fingers with a knife, but do not cut through the pastry until baked and cold. Bake in a quick oven.

GREENGAGE CHARLOTTE

Perhaps you have a bottle of greengages on the shelf. They'll help to make a tempting charlotte, and no one will know you're using up the stale bread.

Ingredients:—A small bottle or half a large bottle of greengages, 2oz. margarine, 2oz. shredded suet, 1 lb. breadcrumbs or soaked stale bread, 6oz. sugar if fruit is unsweetened.

SPONGE PUDDING

Sift together six ounces of flour, a heaped teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt, and two ounces of castor sugar. Melt two ounces of butter and beat into a gill of warm milk. Beat in two eggs. Pour the liquid into the flour, mix with a wooden spoon, and beat well together until smooth and light. Line a shallow tin with greased paper and pour in the mixture then bake at once in a fairly hot oven for about twenty-five minutes or until well risen and golden brown. Turn on to a hot dish. Have ready some hot jam, and pour this over just before serving.

BRAIN CAKES

Brains

- 1 teaspoonful finely chopped sage
- 2 eggs
- Salt

Salt

Grating of nutmeg

Dripping

- 2 tablespoonfuls white bread-crumbs
- 1 teaspoonful finely chopped parsley

1 tablespoonful cream

Pepper

Grating of lemon rind

Wash the brains, boil for ten minutes drain and chop them. Mix with the breadcrumbs, season, and herbs, and well beaten eggs. Heat some dripping in a frying pan, drop in the mixture in spoonfuls, fry until golden brown. Drain well and serve hot.

Smear a pie dish with margarine, then put in alternate layers of greengages, suet, sugar (if required) and breadcrumbs, finishing with breadcrumbs.

Dot with margarine, cover with buttered paper, then bake on the top shelf in a fairly hot oven for half an hour—Mark 6.

THREAT OF HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH CHINA

Large Japanese Force Believed On Way Down For Operations

YANGTSE DRIVE BREATHES

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

The majority of observers are of the opinion that the next scene of the war will be South China, where a large-scale Japanese drive is expected to be launched in an effort to cut China's last remaining route to the sea.

This belief, it is pointed out, is strengthened by recent activities of Japanese naval craft and war planes in South China which point ominously to the fact that a determined drive is imminent as soon as the hands of the Japanese army and navy are freed with the completion of the occupation of Nanking.

Unconfirmed reports are current here to-day that 50,000 Japanese troops are being removed from Central China and are being transported to South China in preparation for a large-scale drive.

YANGTSE POSITION

Chinese sources believe a further Japanese drive up the Yangtze River Valley unlikely in the immediate future. They think that after occupying Nanking the Japanese troops in Central China will probably consolidate their positions and ferret out isolated groups of Chinese mobile units which have been reported actively harassing the Japanese lines of communication and garrisons.

With the Japanese campaign in the Central China region concluding its first stage following the occupation of Nanking, foreign observers are of the opinion that the Japanese will hold off for at least two weeks before attempting to continue military operations.

HANGCHOW FRONT

It is believed the resumption of the campaign will involve either a drive to Hankow or prolonged hostilities in South China. If the Japanese choose to attack Hankow, it is stated that probably they will do so both from the north and along the Yangtze.

The next large-scale campaign is expected by some to be in Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei and will likely be directed towards Hangchow, which is the last remaining important city in the northern area under Chinese control.

That the Japanese are preparing for a drive towards this lakeside city is given weight by the fact that the Army's labour corps is reported to be busily repairing bridges along the railway leading to Hangchow.—*Reuter*.

SAFE PASSAGE ASSURED

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

Japanese mine sweepers are proceeding ahead of the Oahu and Ladybird to assure them of a safe passage. The ships travel only in the day time. Ten British merchantmen will join the Ladybird at a point above Nanking and go to Shanghai with her. Arthur Mencken of Paramount News, A. T. Steele of "Chicago Daily News," T. E. Durrin of the "New York Times," Yates McDaniel of the Associated Press and L. C. Smith of Reuters, who stayed at Nanking through the siege, all visited the Japanese gunboat Seta and tried to arrange safe transportation to Shanghai.—*Reuter*.

EYE-WITNESS TELLS OF SINKING

Panay Hit By Bomb Dropped From Great Height

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

The U.S.S. Panay was hit by a bomb dropped from a great height at 1.50 p.m. on December 12. She was abandoned at 2.05 p.m.

Before sinking the ship was machine-gunned by Japanese naval motorboats, the crews of which then boarded the sinking ship. They left before she sank.

When she sank her flag was still flying, and had been clearly visible throughout the whole proceedings, declares the first eye-witness story of the Yangtze outrage received by *Reuter* by radio to-day.

"TIMES" CORRESPONDENT

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

So far as can be ascertained, all the Panay victims have now been accounted for, including Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the London "Times" correspondent, and former Hong Kong journalist, who got away with the first party.—*Reuter*.

PANAY VICTIMS

Survivors On Way To Shanghai

Shanghai, Dec. 14: The Italian Embassy states that there is no news concerning the Chinese Secretary, Albert Ros, who was believed to have been aboard the U.S.S. Panay. H.M.S. Bee and the Japanese gunboat Hodzu are going to Shanghai tomorrow with more wounded persons and survivors, also dead. The U.S.S. Oahu may accompany them. The Japanese flying boats left for Shanghai from Hoboken at 3 p.m. without any of the wounded. The reason is not stated but it is presumed that transport by the warships must have been considered by the authorities on the spot to be safer and more convenient for the patients. First reports of the sink-

TOKYO CELEBRATES

Japanese Occupation Of Nanking

Tokyo, Dec. 14.

Tokyo was transformed into a fairland last night as the city celebrated the Japanese occupation of Nanking. Some 200,000 participated in a lantern procession.

The paraders converged in front of the Imperial Palace where officials of the Imperial Household Department, waving lanterns, acknowledged the lusty "banzais."

Telegrams incessantly flowed in to the Imperial Household Department from various parts of Japan, offering felicitations to the Emperor.—*Reuter*.

ing of the Panay say that it took half an hour to go down.

Japanese planes made five attacks on her. It is learned that an American, Mr. A. L. Patterson previously reported to be among the Panay's passengers was not aboard at the time of the incident.—*Reuter*.

STRETCHER CASES

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

H.M.S. Bee completed the rescue operations at Hoboken yesterday except for two coffins, which are being put on board this morning.

As far as can be ascertained, all persons are now accounted for. It is revealed that Captain Carlsson of the Mcl An, who was among the dead, was killed on the bridge of his vessel.

The eleven stretcher cases are: Mr. Emile Gassie, American Embassy Code Clerk.

Lieut.-Comdr. Hughes, Commander of the Panay.

Lieut. A. F. Anders, Executive Officer of the Panay, and the following who are believed to be members of the Panay crew: A. Konak, E. W. G. Huftebus, P. D. Zeiger, C. S. Schroeder, R. D. Davies, E. J. Rice, J. H. Laing and Charles Brik.—*Reuter*.

BRITAIN MAY REINFORCE HER FAR EAST FLEET

London, Dec. 15.

It is expected that a day will be allotted in the House of Commons early next week to satisfy the Labour Party demand for a debate on the foreign situation, particularly with reference to recent events in China.

According to the "Daily Telegraph," diplomatic consideration is being given in London to the desirability of reinforcing British naval strength in Far Eastern waters, but it is not certain, however, that ships will be despatched at this stage.

Naval reinforcements up to the heaviest types of craft are available, but decision to despatch them will only be taken after the most careful consideration of all elements in the situation.—*Reuter*.

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE

Berlin, Dec. 14.

Judging from the statement published by a German diplomatic and political correspondent, one of the main reasons why Germany has decided to leave the League of Nations is the allegedly futile way in which the Geneva institution handled the problem of the redistribution of the world's raw materials.

The September report of the League's Committee on raw materials was primarily designed, says the statement, to take the wind out of the sails of all the disquieting Colonial demands.—*Transocean News Service*.

DUTCH CONSCRIPTION

The Hague, Dec. 14.

A large increase in the Netherlands conscript army was voted to-day by the Chamber, whereby the annual conscript contingent is raised from under 20,000 to 32,000 from the spring of 1939.

The period of training will be eleven, instead of eight and a half months.—*Reuter*.

CITY OF LONDON AIRPORT

London, Dec. 14.

Negotiations are well advanced for the establishment of the City of London Airport at Fairlop Plain, Essex. The City Lands Committee, having completed arrangements for Acquisition of the site from the commissioners of Crown Lands at a cost of £220,000, is requesting authority of the Court of Common Council to proceed with the construction. The Airport is estimated to cost £800,000.—*British Wireless*.



NUT and FRUIT LOAF

16 oz. fine wholemeal, 3 oz. sugar, 4 level teaspoonfuls of Royal Baking Powder, 3 oz. chopped walnuts, 3 oz. currants, 2 eggs, 1 pint milk, 3 oz. butter or margarine.

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FRANCO CLOSES ALL FRONTIERS

Nationalist Attack On Almeria Imminent

Gibraltar, Dec. 14.

General Franco has closed all frontiers, it is believed, in preparation for a new offensive. No person is allowed to enter Spain for recreation purposes.

The Spanish frontier adjoining France was closed some days ago.—*Reuter*.

AT LA LINEA

Paris, Dec. 15: The Spanish-Portuguese frontier was closed at La Linea yesterday by the Nationalist authorities. The British authorities at Gibraltar have been informed of the step. According to reports from Gibraltar, this measure is in connection with preparations for an offensive against the harbour town of Almeria as well as on the Pozo Blanco and Aragon fronts. It is believed that the Nationalist fleet will also participate in the attack on Almeria.—*Transocean*.

KING'S BIRTHDAY

London, Dec. 14.

A very large number of messages of congratulation were received to-day at Buckingham Palace on the occasion of the King's 42nd Birthday. Queen Mary drove to the Palace to convey her good wishes.—*British Wireless*.

R.A.F. OFFICER MURDERED

Baghdad, Dec. 14.

Pilot-Officer William Jones of the Royal Air Force was found murdered on a highway near Baghdad to-day.

The crime was committed whilst he was cycling to visit friends.—*Reuter*.

Millions of sandbags for the protection of building throughout the country in the event of air raids have been ordered by the Government from Dundee jute manufacturers.

QUEEN'S

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in "ON THE AVENUE"

REPORTER WHO MADE LORDS ADJOURN

Mr. W. J. Murphy Dead

Mr. William Joseph—'Pat'—Murphy, for 50 years a well-known Fleet-street journalist, died at his home in New Park Court, Brixton-hill, S.W., aged 77.

As a Parliamentary journalist he

reported Gladstone, Joseph Chamberlain and many other famous statesmen of the past.

One of his stories was of one occasion when he, as he claimed, caused the adjournment of the House of Lords. During the debate he feelingly said aloud, 'Adjourn.' The Lord Chancellor, thinking that the request had come from a member of the House, put the question, and the adjourn-

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"Public Enemy's Wife"
QUEEN'S:—
"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"
ORIENTAL:—
"The Case of The Black Cat"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"A Successful Calamity"
STAR:—
"Ladies In Love"
MAJESTIC:—
"Good Dame"

Coming

KING'S:—
"Melody For Two"

QUEEN'S:—
"Morocco"

ORIENTAL:—
"Saratoga"

ALHAMBRA:—
"100 Men And A Girl"

STAR:—
"On The Avenue"

MAJESTIC:—
"The Great O'Malley"

PUBLIC ENEMY'S WIFE

An entirely different and unusual type of G-Man picture is scheduled as the feature attraction at the King's Theatre beginning to-day, under the title of "Public Enemy's Wife," a Warner Bros. production in which Pat O'Brien, Margaret Lindsay, Robert Armstrong, Cesar Romero and Dick Foran have the leading roles.

The picture is said to be crammed with thrills, including the over-powering of guards on a train, and the escape of a gangster killer; the attempted murder of the bridegroom of the divorced wife of the killer; the kidnapping of the bride; a gun battle between G-Men and the criminal band in their hideouts; the seizure of a ship chartered by the gangster in which they plan to flee the country, taking the young bride and captured secret service operatives with them.

DELIGHTFUL PICTURE

Sylvia Sidney and Fredric March are co-starring again for the first time since their memorable "Merely We Go to Hell" in "Good Dame," the B. P. Schulberg-Paramount picture, which is showing to-day at the Majestic Theatre.

The results are happy. A breezy, fresh and well sustained comedy-drama stands ready for your stamp of approval. This shouldn't be long in coming for the news of the arrival of these two screen favourites in a delightfully entertaining picture, should travel fast.

The supporting cast adds materially in making the picture likeable screen fare. Jack LaRue stands out in another of his realistic menace roles. Noel Francis, Kathleen Burke, Bradley Page, Russell Hopton and William Farnum also do their bits in grand style.

The story is a lively comedy-romance of the love of a "good" dame for a "bad" boy. It is spiced with sparkling dialogue and amusing situations which evoke constant laughter.

NORMA'S HUSBAND LEFT £893,000

The estate of Mr. Irving Thalberg, who died last year and who left the bulk of his fortune to his wife, Mrs. Norma Shearer, has been proved at £893,802 gross and £448,800 net. This is half of what film circles anticipated.

There are three trust funds on behalf of Miss Norma Shearer and her children, Irving and Katharine (who receive £120,000 each).

Mr. Thalberg left £73,200 to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thalberg, his sister, uncles and aunts.

Irving Thalberg rose in a few years from being a £3 a week typist to the most highly-paid and successful producer in Hollywood. He died suddenly at the height of his fame, and since then Mrs. Shearer has been living in retirement.

ment was carried at a very early hour.

"I think I am the only journalist who has ever accomplished that, and needless to say, I was the hero of the Press Gallery that evening," he said afterwards.

MAURICE SINGER "ARCH-ROGUE"

Part In Alleged Share Fraud

References to Maurice Singer, "the arch-rogue of this fraud," were made by Mr. Gerald Howard prosecuting in a case of alleged share-pushing at the London Guildhall Police-court recently.

Before the court on remand were Christopher Lawrence Allingham, 37, of St. Albans-street, Staines, Middlesex, Henry Raymond Brownlow, 86, of St. George's-road, S.W., and Ernest Osman Harbrow, 57, of Hall Park-avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. They were charged with conspiring together to cheat and defraud members of the public who might be induced to part with money and securities to B. M. Clarke and Co., Copthall-buildings, London, E.C.

Mr. Howard said that the defendants were charged together and with another man, Louis Crum, who was not before the court. B. M. Clarke and Co. was an old-established business, and in October, 1931, Harbrow became sole proprietor. In 1935 he was in the greatest possible financial difficulties.

PERCENTAGE OF TAKINGS

At that time, said counsel, Harbrow came in contact with a man named Clements and was introduced to Crum and the other defendants. He was to collaborate with them in attempting to sell Ordinary shares in Universal Carburator Ltd., and was to get a percentage of the takings.

Allingham and Brownlow were installed in an office at Copthall-buildings, and from September to December, 1935, together with Crum, they conducted a campaign on the usual lines of share-pushers. Up and down the country, by means of letters and telephone conversations they disposed of 13,000 shares.

The only asset Universal Carburator ever possessed, said Mr. Howard, was some rights in a vaporiser.

SENT TO IRELAND

Counsel said that one of the directors was a horse dealer. When things got a little difficult this director and a secretary were sent to Ireland by Maurice Singer, apparently to be out of the way.

He quoted from one of the letters sent to the public which said that the company was "engaged in a new industry which will, without, revolutionise the motor industry."

It was stated that a patent carburettor which would revolutionise the motor industry was being marketed and the British Government had placed an order which would absorb the whole of the output for six months. There was not a word of truth in it.

PRIME MINISTER-NATURALIST

Up to the age of 18 Mr. Chamberlain used to leave Highbury, his father's house near Birmingham, at 5.30 every morning in order to study birds and track down unknown calls to the bird in question. His favourite song-bird is the blackcap, which he strongly prefers to his second choice, the garden warbler.

Mr. Chamberlain is, or was, even keener on butterflies and moths than on birds.

BUTTERFLIES TOO

The Prime Minister's collection of butterflies began—like those of so many of us—at his preparatory school. Unlike those of so many of us, it continued until his marriage. Those who have youthful and exciting memories of hot summer nights with net and bull's eye lantern will be interested to know that Mr. Chamberlain, too, used to have a "sugaring" expedition.

"Sugaring" consists of painting patches of the bark of trees with a mixture of rum and sugar.

BISHOP E. D. SHAW

The death has occurred at Marlow Bucks, of the Right Rev. Edward Domett Shaw at the age of 77. He became the first Suffragan Bishop of Buckingham in 1914, and was from 1921 until his retirement last year Assistant-Bishop and Archdeacon of Oxford and Canon of Christ Church.

He married in 1891, Agnes, daughter of Alfred Gilbey, of Woodburn, Bucks, and leaves one son and six daughters. Three sons were killed during the war.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.
Anniversaries and Holidays—
Jane Austen born, 1775. Beethoven died, 1827.

Auctions.—Crown Lands, at Land Office, Ping Shan, 11.30 a.m.; Household Furniture, at Lammert's H.K. Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).
Dances.—Real Class for Children, at Hong Kong Union Church Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Entertainments.—"The Arcadians," at Queen's Theatre, 9.20 p.m.

Lectures.—"Handwork on Prints" by Mr. K. T. Moy, at S. & S. Home, 8 p.m.; Theosophical Society, 6 p.m. "Understanding the Healer," by Dr. Arthur Fung.

Malls.—(See Page 16).

Meetings.—Victoria Chess Club, at Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.; St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship, 3 p.m.; St. Andrew's Club Committee, 8.30 p.m.; St. John's Cathedral Women's Guild, 3 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Claims Against the Estate of William Taylor due; Christ Church Ladies' Guild Sewing Party at 3 Duke Street, 10 a.m.; Demonstration of Educational films for Members of Educational Department and of the Board of Education, at the Filmo Depot, Marina House Queen's Road Central, 10 a.m.; Lady Northcote distributes Prizes at Bellies Public School, 10.45 a.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 14th Day. Rehearsals.—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 6 p.m.

Social.—St. Andrew's Club "Open Night," 9 p.m.; Machine Gun Signals Dinner at Volunteer Headquarters, 7.30 p.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10).
Sunrise.—6.56 a.m. Sunset.—5.42 p.m.

Tides.—High at 08.38 and 10.40. Low at 02.20 and 13.05.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).

Malls.—(See Page 16).

Moon.—XI Moon, 15th Day.

Sports.—(See Page 10).

Sunrise.—6.55 a.m. Sunset.—5.41 p.m.

Tides.—High at 07.29 and 18.53. Low at 01.32 and 12.18.

CRIPPLES HELP SAVE BOY

Relays To Pump Air Into "Iron Lung"

Crippled boys of the Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton, Hampshire, helped to save the life of nine-year-old Eric Marchant, of Andover, when the mechanism for operating an "iron lung," in which he had been placed, broke down.

They took it in turn with doctors, porters, and the boy's father to work the pump and now, in the words of Sir Henry Gauvain, medical superintendent of the hospital, the boy "is improving enormously." Mr. W. E. C. Marchant, the boy's father, in an interview said: "Had it not been for the respirator I do not think my boy would have been alive to-day."

A short time ago the boy, normally a healthy lad, was stricken by infantile paralysis. He was taken to Alton. At first only his leg and arm muscles were paralysed, but the disease spread to his respiratory muscles and he could hardly breathe.

SEARCH IN LONDON

Four doctors and nurses kept him alive by administering oxygen, while search was made in London for a "drinker"—a cylindrical iron lung which forces the patient in it to breathe. By the time one was found and taken to Alton Eric had been unconscious for some hours. His heart was beating very faintly.

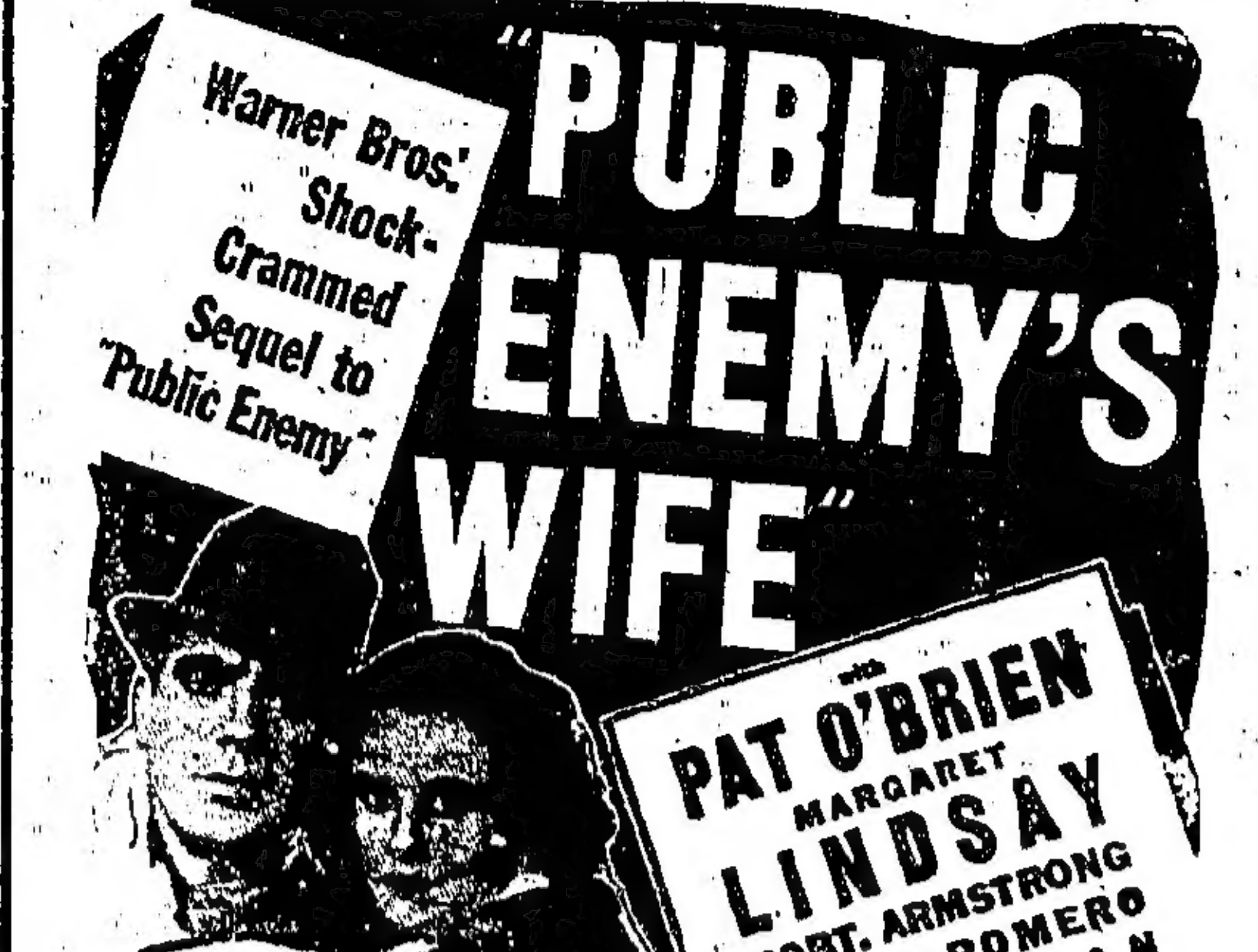
He was placed in the "iron lung," but the machine could not be started because the voltage was unsuitable.

"I secured relays of people to work the pump by hand," said Sir Henry. "We continued pumping by hand for nine hours. By that time the engineers here had the motor working properly and the machine functioned for six hours. Then it stopped again and we had to go back to the hand-pumping for nearly 18 hours."

"Then the engineers got the motor going again and it has been all right since."
"The firm which helped us in our search for an 'iron lung' has now lent us a new machine; Eric is in it now. We get him out for increasing periods daily now. Only his head is outside the 'lung.' He is going on well, but will need the machine another six weeks, perhaps longer."

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"LITTLE SAVAGE"

AGED FOUR

Exploits Told In Court

"If you saw him on the pictures you would not believe it, but here he is—a little savage."

This was the description given by Mr. J. T. Coggins, solicitor for the N.S.P.C.C., in the children's court at Farnham, Surrey, of a handsome illegitimate boy aged four years and three months, who was described as out of control.

Some of the things he was stated to have done were: Broken into three houses. Smashed crockery and turned on the gas.

Told his grandparents with whom he lived what he thought of them with an extraordinary flow of language.

Died out of a window five feet from the ground when the probation officer went to see him, and. Went down a cesspool—but came up again.

FIRE IN THE PANTHEON

Fire broke out recently in the Pantheon, the burial place of France's famous sons. The flames were got under control in 45 minutes.

The fire is believed to have begun in the room containing a transformer used for the lighting of the dome. An inquiry has been opened into the cause of the fire.

The first children to be born in the new Fulham Maternity Home, which has just been opened, were twin boys born to Mrs. Eva Barratt, 27, of Fulham-road, S.W.

He added that the mother was only just over 15 when the boy was born.

The Bench decided to place the boy in the custody of the local authority pending arrangements for his future.

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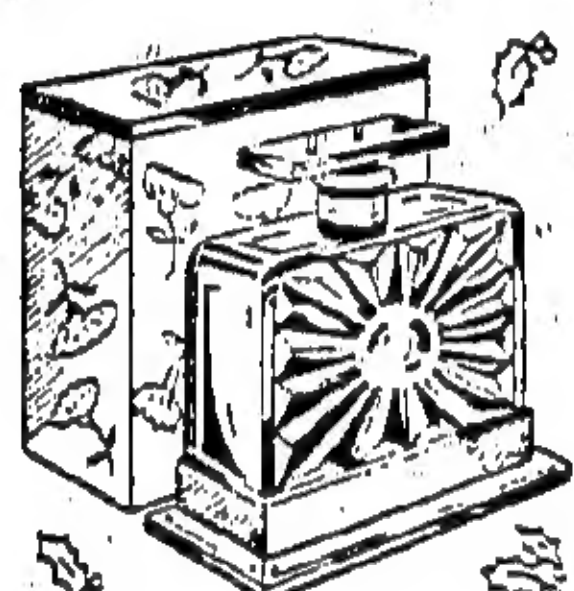


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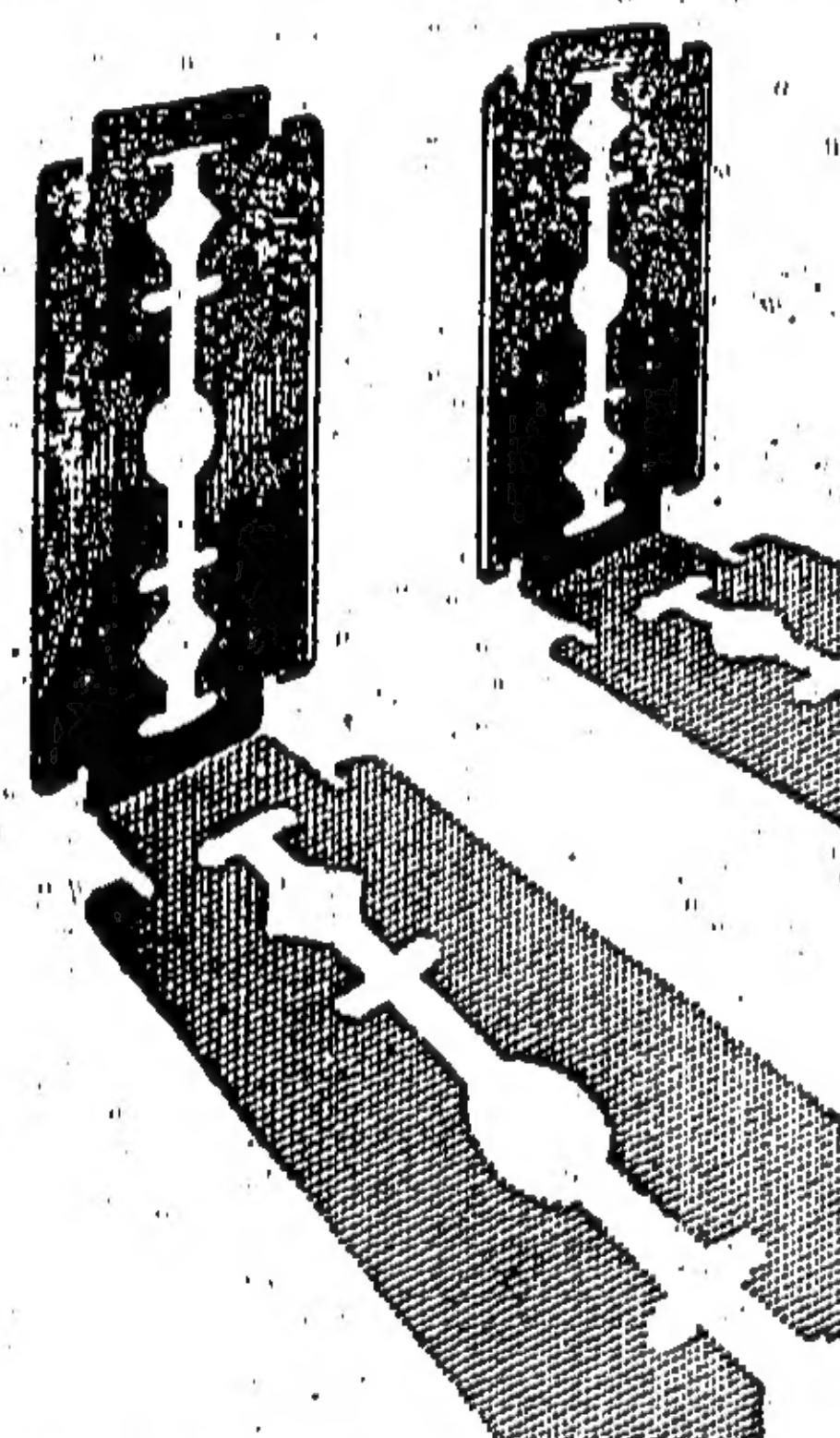
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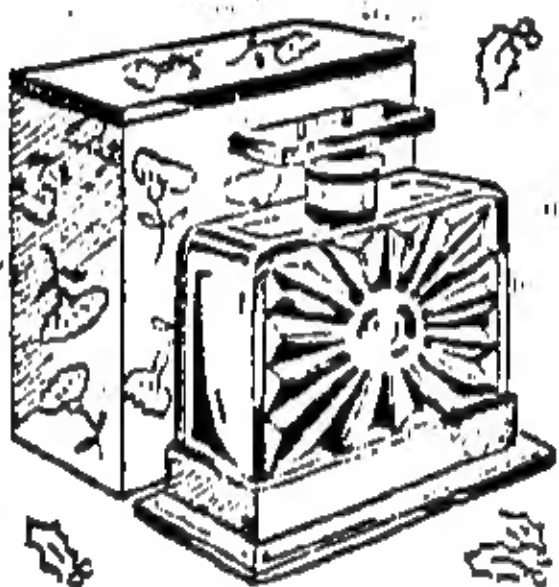
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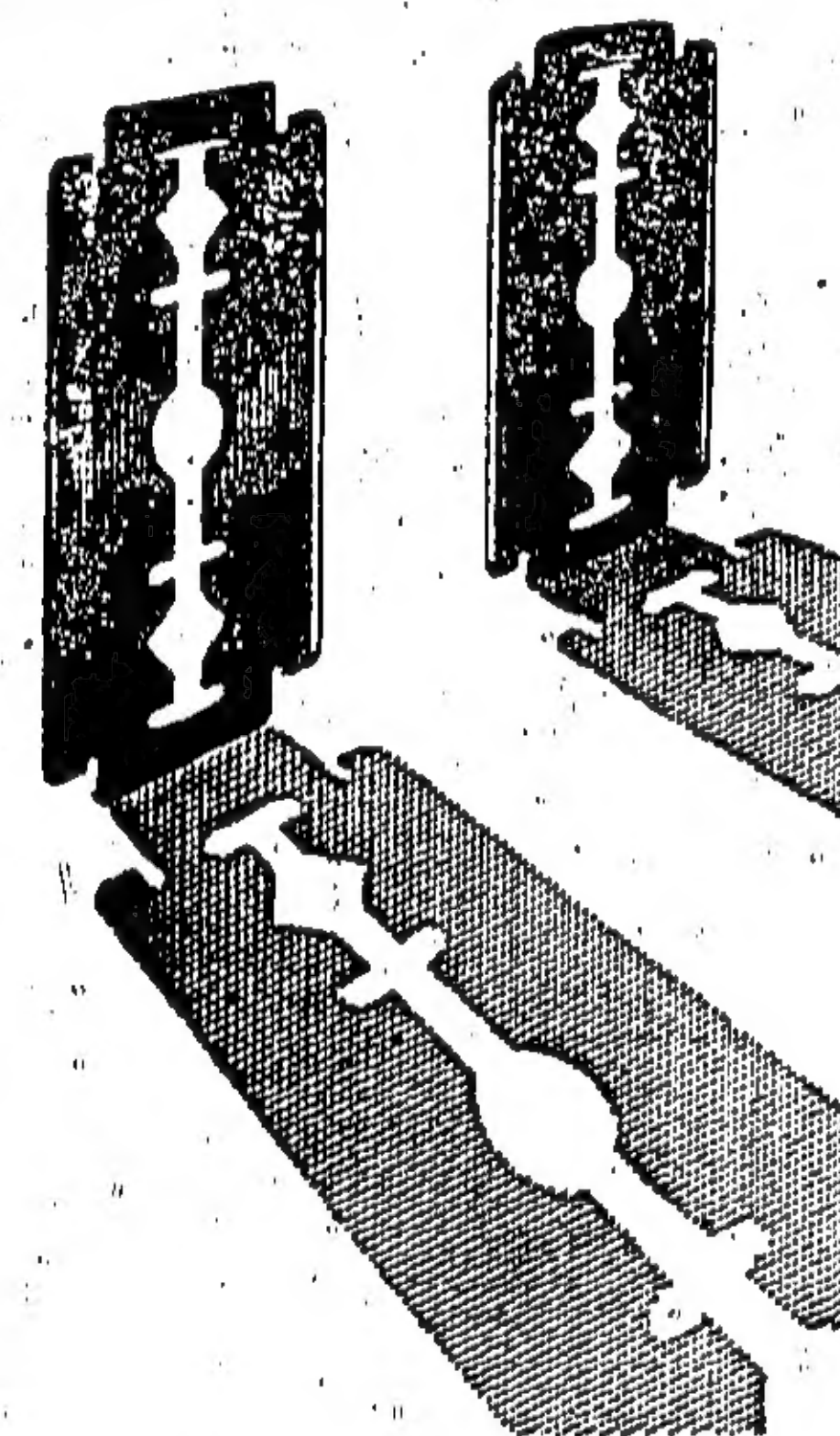
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THE SERVICES

(By The Air Mail, London Dec. 4.)

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The new Order provides that surgeon lieutenant-commanders who fail to pass the examination for surgeon commander are nevertheless to be so promoted, at Admiralty discretion, provided they are otherwise qualified for promotion.

AFRICA STATION CRUISE

H.M.S. Bridgewater, Captain H. J. Egerton, which left Durban on November 23 will visit other places in Madagascar in December. Her programme is:—Majunga, December 2-4; Diego Suarez, December 5-9; Tamatave, December 11-15; Fort Dauphin, December 17-18; Durban, December 22-January 3; and Simonstown, January 6.

ARMAMENT SUPPLY STAFF

Captain (E) C. W. S. Gibson has taken up duty as Assistant to the Chief Superintendent of Armament Supply, in succession to Engineer Captain J. H. Breaks.

LONG SIGNAL COURSE

The following officers have been selected to undergo the long specialist course in signals, which began at the Portsmouth School yesterday:—Lieutenants Lord Kelburn, R. F. Wells, A. R. J. St. Q. Nolan, R. F. Phillimore, P. Hankey, G. W. Murray, R. W. Hughes, and R. N. Gibb.

H.M.S. GLORIOUS

The aircraft-carrier Glorious, Captain B. A. Fraser, O.B.E., A.D.C., which returned to Devonport from the Mediterranean on November 3 for refit, will probably recommission on January 4 and complete to full crew on January 12, for further service on that station. Her present ship's company joined in July 1935.

COMMANDER A. A. D. GREY

Lieutenant-Commander A. A. D. Grey, who has retired with the rank of commander, was a member of the first term of special-entry cadets and joined H.M.S. Highflyer in September, 1913, from Cheltenham.

THE ARMY

WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT
Major H. E. Pickering, M.C., has been selected to command the 1st Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own), in succession to Lieutenant-

attituted for the notifi. in the "Gazette" of Nov. 23).

ESTABLISHMENTS

Sch. of Mil. Engineering.—Capt. L. H. Stowell, R.E., to be Asst. Instr. (Cl. DD), Electrical and Mechanical (Nov. 22).

Research Dept.—Maj. E. N. Aston, M.C., Res. of O.E., to be Asst. Prof. and Experimental Off. (Cl. CC) (temp.) (Nov. 22).

MEMORANDUM

Maj. (local Lt.-Col.) J. C. E. PellerEAU, O.B.E., h.p. list (empd.) to be Lt.-Col., h.p. list (empd.) (May 1).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

The follg. officers have vacated appts. in India:—

C.G.S.—Gen. Sir W. H. Bartholomew, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brit. Serv. (Oct. 12).

Adj. Gen. Lt.-Gen. Sir J. E. S. Brind, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brit. Serv. (Oct. 12).

G.O.C.-in-C., S. Command.—Lt.-Gen. Sir Ivo L. B. Vesey, K.C.B., K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brit. Serv. (Oct. 12).

Bde. Comdr.—Maj.-Gen. J. S. Marshall, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., I.A. (Oct. 2).

D.A. and Q.M.G.—Maj.-Gen. H. F. E. MacMahon, C.B., C.S.I., C.B.E., M.C., I.A. (Oct. 2).

A.A. and Q.M.G.—Col. H. V. Lewis, D.S.O., M.C., I.A. (Oct. 2).

Depy. Mil. Secy.—Col. R. H. Wilson, M.C., I.A. (Oct. 1).

D.A.Q.M.G.—Capt. (Bt. Maj.) R. M. Hall, M.C., S. Staffs. R. (Oct. 20).

A.A.G.—Col. C. M. S. Manners, D.S.O., M.C., I.A. (Oct. 15).

D.A.A.G.—Lt.-Col. A. V. Anderson, M.B.E., R.E. (Oct. 9); Maj. R. A. A. Wimberley, 1/8th Jat R. (Oct. 1); Maj. W. A. Trott, M.C., 3/9th Jat R. (Oct. 1).

D.D.T.—Col. F. P. Barnes, D.S.O., O.B.E., I.A. (Oct. 2).

Colonel C. G. Phillips, D.S.O., M.C., whose tenure expired on November 28.

VETERINARY SERVICES

The post of Director-General, Army Veterinary Services, will be filled by a brigadier instead of a major-general. The new Director-General will be Colonel Charles A. Murray, who has been Assistant Director-General since September. As a brigadier he will direct services which are being reduced because of mechanization. He succeeds Major-General J. B. Tapley, C.B., D.S.O., who has been Director-General since 1933.

SINGAPORE BASE

December will see the Singapore Base ready for active use. Some quarters remain to be built, but the power stations, stores, and quays are ready. The main and outlying gun defences are already manned by the R.A. and R.E. at Blakang Mati and Changi, and the new Singapore residence for the G.O.C. is finished. A beginning has been made with the new station at Penang, which is to have a garrison supplementary to the main force in Singapore.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

WING COMMANDER HESLOP

Wing Commander H. W. Heslop, O.B.E., who was promoted in October while serving as engineer officer with the air units in H.M.S. Glorious, has been appointed for duty in the Directorate of Technical Development, Air Ministry.

NEW SQUADRON LEADER

Squadron Leader J. F. X. McKenna, who has just been promoted to that rank, began his flying service in the Reserve of Air Force Officers in 1926, while studying at the City and Guilds Engineering College.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—

Lts.—M. Napier, to Worcester (Dec. 7); E. M. Usherwood, to Woolston (Dec. 31); E. G. Knapton, to Fame (Jan. 3, 1938).

Cd. Gunners (7)—J. Duncan, to Basset (Dec. 7); H. Edgecombe, to Glorious (Dec. 14).

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Lt.—W. K. Buckley, promoted to Lt.-Cdr. (seny. Nov. 24).

Surg. Lt.—W. H. Osborn, M.B., to Resolution (Dec. 7).

Payr. Lt.—M. N. Godfrey, transferred from list 2 to list 1 of the London Div. (Nov. 19).

Sub-Lt.—H. M. Coatsworth, to Newcastle (Dec. 4).

Proby. Payr. Sub-Lt.—J. Bodilly, transferred from list 2 to list 1 of the London Div. (Nov. 19).

J. P. O. Evans, entered as Proby. Mid. (seny. Nov. 18) and attached to list 1 of the Severn Div.

ANOTHER CHARITY CONCERT

The Chinese Youth Medical Association are staging a dinner dance at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on Tuesday, December 21, next to raise funds for war relief. The organisers have left no stone unturned in their effort to assure the public of Hong Kong of an excellent evening's entertainment.

A very interesting programme has been arranged and amongst those who will appear will be Miss Butterfly Wu, the well-known Chinese film star, Mr. George Li, who was a prominent figure on the N.B.C. amateur hour programmes in America, Little (Chinese) Bobby Breen who is none other than Master Bobby Chan of Shanghai and Jack Grenham, the popular local entertainer who has consented to entertain in his own inimitable way.

By special request Miss Delle Ellis, who will be remembered best as Miss Personality, will contribute towards the evening's fun.

REGISTRY WEDDING

A quiet wedding took place at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court yesterday, when Miss Yap Kim-bie, of No. 68A Pokfulam Road, second floor, became the bride of Mr. Go Seng-bin, merchant, of No. 88 Des Voeux Road West, second floor.

The groom is the son of Mr. Go Ka-po, rice merchants, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. Yap Tsui-tau, merchant.

Mr. W. Aneurin Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, performed the ceremony, in the presence of Messrs. S. H. Ong and Zenher Huang.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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cannot be ascertained until the end of the accounting year. In practice the Jockey Club, which is the only club actually affected, has been obliged to distribute rather less than the legal minimum and to retain the difference in a reserve account to meet possible liabilities for taxation. It is felt that this is an unsatisfactory system and after full discussion with the stewards of the Jockey Club and also with Fanning Hunt and Race Club it has been decided that it will be preferable to revert to the old system of a fixed rate of duty, which it is proposed to fix at 2 per cent, commencing from the 1st April, 1938.

HOUSING PROBLEM

The Hon. the Attorney General moved:—

That the amendment made by the Urban Council under section 4 (xv) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935, to the by-laws under the heading "Scavenging," on the 9th day of November, 1937, be approved. Carried.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., moved:

Sir Henry Edward Pollock, Kt., K.C., to move the following resolution:—

That a Committee be appointed to consider and report to this Council upon the expenditure incurred in the housing of Government Civil Servants and also upon what would be the proper percentage of salary to be paid by various grades of Government Civil Servants as rent for the use of Government Quarters.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary in reply said:—

The motion before the house is acceptable to the Government and a Committee with the terms of reference as suggested will be appointed in due course under the Chairmanship of the Honourable Financial Secretary. Certain preliminary enquiries are now being made regarding the practice in other Colonies in this respect and the Government proposes to defer the announcement of the remaining names until it is certain that the Committee can profitably begin its investigations.

FIRST READING

The following Bills were read a first time after being briefly introduced by the Hon. the Attorney General.

"A Bill to fix the rate at which the sterling salaries of public officers shall be paid in this Colony."

"A Bill to provide for changes in the style of public officers, offices and departments."

"A Bill to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911."

"A Bill for promoting the revision of the Ordinances of Hong Kong."

COUNCIL ADJOURNED

In moving the first reading of "A Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Procurator in Hong Kong of the Irish Province of the Order of Franciscans Minor," the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Junior, said: The Irish Province of the Franciscan Mission, a section of the Franciscan Order, was founded in 1929. Among the objects of their foreign mission is the running of schools and hospitals. Their connection with China is only of two years' duration and they are already established in Hankow, Peiping, Tientsin and Shanghai. In Hong Kong they hope to have a school and hospital, but in the present unfortunate conditions they are unable to announce their arrangements in more definite terms.

Council adjourned until next Wednesday.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) advises that the following unclaimed telegrams are lying at their offices:—

0901, from Shanghai; Fung Yuen, Des Voeux West, from Shanghai; Chan Koon Po, 11 Lee Yuen Sun Street, from Shanghai; Lamneck Hykes c/o Victoria, from Shanghai; Mary Steiner Palace Hotel, Kowloon, from Shanghai; Idanoff, from Tokyo.

HEALTH RETURNS

Four cases of small-pox, one of diphtheria and one of enteric fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Tuesday.

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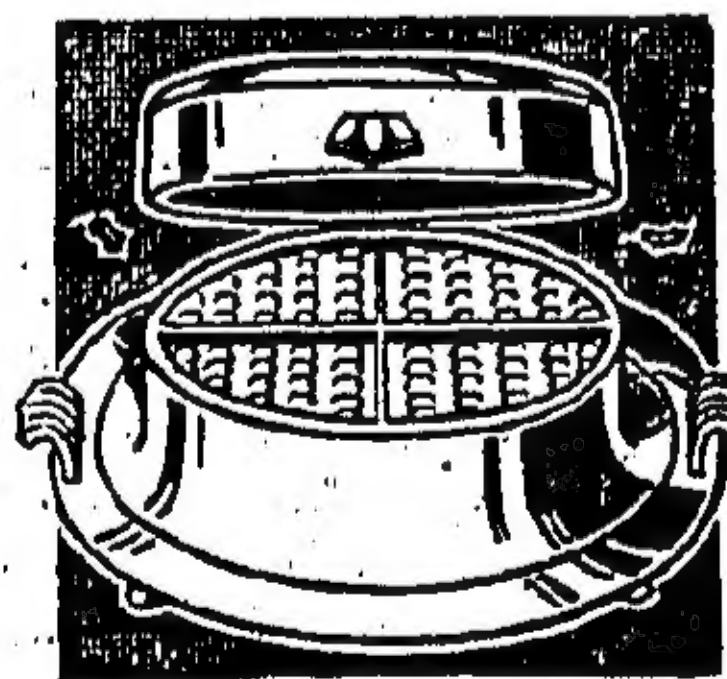
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 18th December, 1937, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1937.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of Dec., 1937, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pokfulam in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash.—This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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1	100	East of and adjoining the Public Building at Pokfulam.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan.	60	1,100

ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

HONG KONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

Application has been made to this Company to issue to MRS. LO SIN KEE, duplicate Certificate for 1,000 shares in this Company numbered 345,341 to 346,340 inclusive, upon statement that the original Certificate No 3302, dated 15th July, 1932, has been lost or mislaid. And notice is hereby given that, if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof, the above Certificate be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT, and a NEW Certificate for the said shares will be issued in its stead by the Company.

B. ALVES,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th Nov., 1937.

SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS

Cause Death Of Chinese

A verdict that deceased had died of self-inflicted wounds whilst under the influence of liquor was returned by a jury comprising Messrs. P. H. Suckling (foreman), S. M. Gidley and W. L. L. Barker at the conclusion of the inquest held at the Central Magistracy on the 14th inst., at which the body of the deceased, who died on November 19 as the result of multiple stab wounds.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest sat as Coroner and Detective-Inspector M. Murphy was present for the Police. Evidence was given yesterday by Wong San-yuk, wife of the deceased. She said that on the day of his death her husband had left their flat at 5 a.m. and returned about 10 a.m. from his work. He went to bed and she carried on with her washing in the kitchen. A little later she saw him drinking wine. Over an hour after that she went into the cubicle from the kitchen and saw him stabbing himself repeatedly in the stomach with a pair of scissors. She shouted for help, seized the pair of scissors and threw it into the passage-way. The police then arrived.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said deceased had drunk nearly the whole of a small jar of Chinese wine, which was more than he usually took at a time. It was a common thing for him to drink alone, and he used to get drunk quite often. So far as she knew he was in no money trouble. He had often talked about the recent state of affairs in the country and said it might be better to die. The jury then returned their verdict without retiring.

DEATH
BIGLER Dr. R. M. Bigler, of the United Brethren Mission, Canton, died suddenly at the Matilda Hospital on Wednesday, December 15. Funeral will pass the Monument at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

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NAVAL SECRETY

The comments in the London "Daily Telegraph" and "Morning Post," by Mr. Hector Bywater, inspired by the launching of the Japanese cruiser, Tone, serve as a reminder of naval uncertainties, particularly in the Pacific. It might have been possible that but for the outbreak of the hostilities in China, the three chief naval powers might have attempted to come to some terms and so put an end to all this qualitative and quantitative naval competition. At the present time when the whole world is in a state of unrest, agreement of some sort is more necessary but the agreement must be of a concrete nature and not mere scraps of paper or idle promises which are renounced at will. As the position stands, it appears obvious that some considerable time must elapse before it becomes possible to resume the negotiations which ended so disastrously in London when Japan declined to accept the continued restrictions of the naval ratio. At this point it will be well to stress that an interim period of unlimited building may easily give rise to a position in which ultimate agreement will be rendered so difficult as to become impossible.

British and American building plans are well-known. There is no secrecy about them as regards tonnage, the type of ship being built and the armament of these ships. According to a statement made recently by the British Premier, there are now over half a million tons of warships on the stocks, while on behalf of the United States, the Secretary for Navy, Mr. Swanon, has emphasised their determination to match any Power ship for ship, an emphasis which is in no way enunciated by public statements by other leading figures in the Administration to the effect that the United States remains eager to conclude an agreement blocking the possibility of a race in naval building.

There has been no response from Japan to these appeals or warnings. In view of the Government's concentration on the more immediate crisis on the mainland of Asia, this is not surprising. It is, nevertheless, to be regretted that as the Washington Treaty of limitation recedes further into the background there is no indication that the discussions so abruptly broken off will be resuscitated.

The effect of the Japanese refusal of the continued restrictions of naval ratio is the creation of further uncertainty which can hardly have any result other than to increase the possibility of rivalry. All that is known of the Japanese programme is that the country is spending a large sum of money for the construction of new ships. Tonnage, gun calibres and other details remain a mystery.

Like the United States the British Government must be considering whether the London Naval Agreement is not a dangerous

TONKINESE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Exhibition In Hong Kong Next Month

Under the auspices of the Residence Supérieure au Tonkin (Mr. Yves Chatel, Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, Resident Supérieur), an exhibition of Tonkinese arts and crafts and tourism will be opened to the public of this Colony from January 13 to 26, 1938, from 10 a.m. to 1. and from 3 to 6 at the French Bank Building, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

The official opening will be made by Mr. F. Dupuy, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, Consul de France, on January 13. Works of art, paintings, and sculptures by Tonkinese Artists will be on view. A various and interesting selection of Tonkinese handicrafts, tapestry, Chinaware, earthenware, crockery, ceramic, jewellery, cabinet-making, gold, silver, silk buttons, thread, silver and silk laces, silk tissues, etc. and varied and detailed information about tourism and the wonderful scenery of a trip through Tonkin, Laos, Annam, Yunnan, and the marvellous mountainous railway between Hanoi and Yunnanfou.

gerous instrument, and whether it would not be better to scrap it. The decision is not one which might be come to lightly, but in the face of all that is going on in the world to-day, it may become necessary.

CURRENCY SITUATION

A favourable view of the prospects for increasing monetary stability throughout the world is taken by "The Statist" in the Annual International Banking Section which accompanies a recent issue.

The de facto stabilisation of the sterling-dollar rate has provided the necessary rallying-point for the stability of other currencies, it says, and the forces making for wider stability have been greatly strengthened by the recovery of world prices, which even after the recent setback have reached a level at which the primary producing countries can meet their obligations and play their normal part in an international monetary system.

In the dictatorship countries, however, the developments which have been taking place and which are steadily acquiring momentum are fundamentally opposed to the ideal of stability based on co-operation. Economic isolation has become their conscious aim, and in a country that is economically isolated the idea of currency and exchange stability cannot have the meaning which it carries in a country working in an international economic system, buying and selling abroad, conducting capital transactions with other countries. Partly as a result of their growing economic difficulties the dictatorship countries are steadily exhausting their resources of gold, foreign exchange and foreign investments.

The link of gold or exchange reserve which still ties them to an international system is being weakened. Already their exchange markets are wholly controlled, and with this control there is, of course, appearing an increasing intervention of the State in industrial, commercial and financial activities. One of the results of this artificial and rigid control has been the complete dissociation of the external and internal values of the currencies concerned. Whether or not this development represents some evolution towards a new system or is the result of mere day-to-day improvisation evolved to meet the steadily growing financial difficulties of these countries, it is evident that the contribution of this movement to what the modern world has come to regard as the cause of monetary stability is a wholly negative one.



Mr. George Lee who appeared with Major Bowes' Amateurs on tour in U.S.A. has consented to sing at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on Dec. 21 at an entertainment sponsored by the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association.

PROPAGANDA AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Annual Medical Report

The Medical and Sanitary report for the year 1936 was tabled at the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.

The report contains the following—

The total civil population of the Colony is estimated to exceed 400,000, of which some 400,000 reside in the City of Victoria. 300,000 in the town of Kowloon, over 100,000 on boats in the waters of the Colony and the remainder in villages.

Propaganda which does not arouse the interest of the mother and her children has little practical value. However, leaders of opinion in China and leaders of Chinese thought in Hong Kong are making vigorous efforts to promote public health and public welfare along lines which have proved successful in the Occident, and the outlook is far more hopeful than was the case a few years ago when Chinese thought on matters of health was unduly swayed by old traditions and theories.

So closely related are Hong Kong, Canton, Macao and the River Ports, in the matter of trade, and such is the amount of traffic, both human and goods, which passes between them, that up to date it has been found impossible to devise any system of quarantine which would effectually safeguard one city against introduction of disease from the other and at the same time preserve that freedom of commercial movements on which these cities depend for prosperity. It has been deemed best to treat them as forming one unit, as suburbs the one of the other, and to strive for a working agreement between the various health organisations to the end that some means, other than imposing restrictions against a whole port, may be found to prevent the spread of infection.

POSSESSION OF FORGED NOTE

Arraigned before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice R.E. Lindsell, at Criminal Sessions yesterday, Nip Tung was found guilty of possession of a forged currency note and four charges of uttering same to shop keepers, in Tai Po Market on November 17.

Accused was sentenced to two years' hard labour, and the jury empanelled for the case were Messrs. R.C. Sander (foreman), Wat Sun, Wong Kee Kwong, L.W. Wade, Yau Sie Lim, W.G. Robertson, and Lee Woon Foc.

BANISHEES IN COURT

Four banishees, Wong Ngan, Ho Sang-lu, Tam Yau and Li Sang, appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Inspector Moreton applied for a remand of 72 hours which was granted. Leung Kam, aged 17, who was similarly charged, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. With two previous convictions against him, he was deported to Canton in September for a period of ten years.

HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Good Scoring In Colonial Match Practice

Between 80 and 90 members of the Association took part in the mid-week Spoon and Practice Shoot held by the Hong Kong Rifle Association on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City yesterday afternoon.

Weather conditions were practically ideal, for the light was dull and steady throughout the shoot, while the wind was to all intents and purposes, non-existent. The result was fully reflected in the unusually high scoring, and as will be seen from the leading scores which are given below, C.P.O. Fellow, of the Naval Range Staff at Stonecutters, shot brilliantly throughout, dropping only one point at 300 yards, which fine score was followed up by a possible at 500 yards. At the longest distance 600 yards, he had the misfortune to start with three inners to count, after which he remained in the bull till the end of the shoot.

In the circular notice regarding the forthcoming Inter-Colonial Shoot, which has been distributed to members, units and clubs of the Association, it was stated that in the next fortnight more than one "dark horse" might be discovered, and it is not without significance that L/Cpl. Tonnar of the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders shot consistently well yesterday afternoon, returning the very fine aggregate of 95, including a score of 34 at 300 yards. Other scores of 90 and over were made by Cpl. Morris, R.M., Sgt. Mannell, and Marine Heather who are also members of this corps. Following them came L/Cpl. Downing of the Royal Engineers, and the well-known local shot, Capt. Ratcliffe of the 1st Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles, each of whom scored a total of 90 points. All these scores were made with the "1914" rifles, which many members will be glad to learn, are once again obtainable by private purchase.

GOOD AUGURY

As regards the S.R. (a) class, Sgt. Bickell, R.M., took top place with a score of 84, a total which was equalled by Mr. Bachi Singh of the 1st Kumaon Rifles. These members were followed by L/Cpl. Langford of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, P.O. Richards from Stonecutters and Pte. Rawling, also of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and as will

be seen from the list appearing at the end of this article, no less than twelve members made a score of 80 or over, a good augury for the forthcoming Inter-Colonial Match which the Colony this year is shooting for, with the S.R. (a) and S.R. (b) rifle.

At a Spoon Shoot, which was not open to members of the Regular Army, and which took place at Stonecutters on Saturday afternoon last, Mr. Austin of the Dockyard Rifle Club won the net S.R. (b) spoon with a score of 95, while a handicap spoon in this series was won by Mr. Haigh, also belonging to that Club. There were insufficient entries to warrant any spoon being awarded for shooting with the S.R. (a) weapon.

SPECIAL PRACTICE

We are asked by the Honorary Secretary to point out that a practice will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 28. In addition to the extra ones the dates of which have already been communicated to units and clubs, and which were given in our issue of Tuesday last. We are also requested to point out that any individual full member who cares to attend these practices may do so, providing the Honorary Secretary receives notification at least 24 hours beforehand. It must be understood, however, that the sole object of these extra practices is to enable the Committee to choose the two representative teams, and no one will be allowed to shoot who is unable to show that scores on the ranges, might justify his inclusion.

As regards Miniature Rifle Shooting, the Honorary Secretary of this Section, Mr. C. Watson, of the Dockyard Rifle Club, has, in conjunction with his Sub-committee, drawn up a list of Inter-Unit and Club Matches, which has aroused enthusiasm to an unlooked-for extent, while the clay-bird section, under the guidance of Capt. Newton of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new trap, which is much overdue, and which is expected daily. At the shoot of this section last week, Capt. Newton won the special spoon which is awarded by the Association on each occasion on which this form of shooting takes place.

S.R. (b)

	Ass'n	300 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Score
	Heap	Nett	Nett	Nett	Nett
1.—C.P.O. C. Fellow	scr.	34	35	32	101*
2.—L/Cpl. A. R. Tonnar	3	34	32	29	95†
3.—Cpl. E. T. Morris	scr.	32	32	29	93
4.—Sgt. C. R. Mannell	scr.	33	28	31	92
5.—Marine P. G. Heather	3	31	31	30	92
6.—L/Cpl. A. W. Downing	1	29	30	31	90
7.—Capt. F. G. Ratcliffe	scr.	31	33	26	90
8.—P.O. C. C. Clark	3	31	31	27	89
9.—Cpl. L. G. Miller	2	29	30	29	88
10.—P.O. Tel. A. C. Hinds	5	30	29	29	88
11.—Boy. J. Payne	6	26	32	29	87
12.—Surg. Lt. J. B. Mackie	1	28	30	28	86
13.—L/Cpl. A. Bonnell	5	24	32	28	84
14.—Capt. I. B. Trevor	5	28	25	28	81
15.—L/Sea. C. H. Knight	5	22	30	28	80

All the above competitors used the "1914" rifle.

S.R. (a)

	Ass'n	300 Yds.	500 Yds.	600 Yds.	Score
	Heap	Nett	Nett	Nett	Nett
1.—Sgt. J. C. W. Bickell	8	26	32	26	84†
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JAPANESE BAN NEWSREEL

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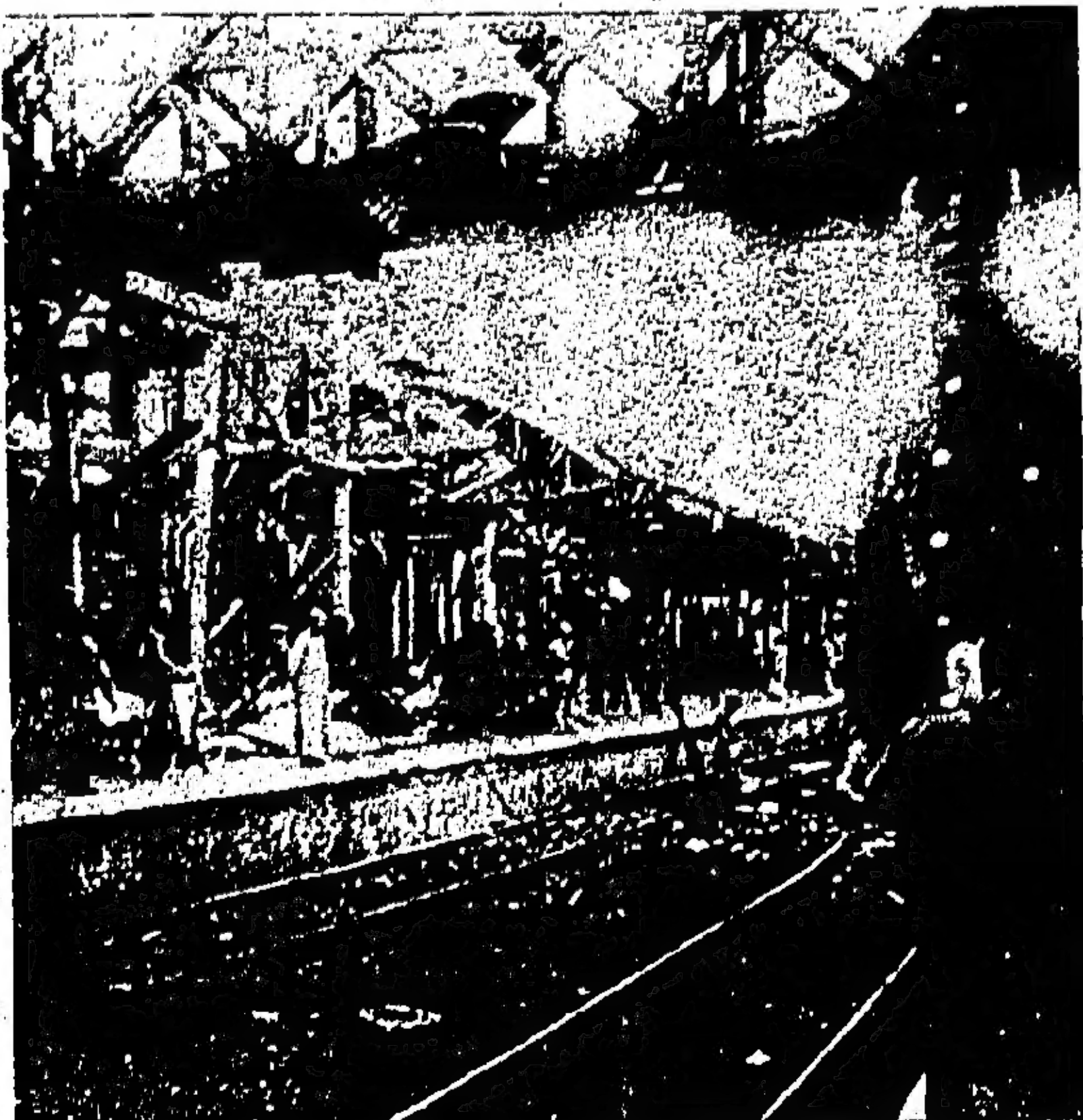
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RETIRED OFFICIAL DIES

Tsingtao, Dec. 14: Mr. Chang Hu, former Minister of Finance of the defunct Peking Government, passed away at Tientsin on December 12, according to word just received here from Tientsin. He had been living in retirement since 1923. Central News.

NEW COLLEGE HEAD

Chungking, Dec. 14: Mr. Hsiung Ching-lai was appointed President of the University of Yunnan at today's regular meeting of the Executive Yuan. Central News.

NEED FOR H.K. PRISON REFORM

(Continued from Page 1)

The absence of hard labour in the prisons is strongly condemned, as is the ever-growing number of hawkers which fill the prisons.

Recommendations include the establishment of an internment camp for hawkers and others who are not regarded as criminals but merely nuisances, that the standard of discipline in the prisons be tightened, the system of feeding re-organised, and that prisoners where possible be made to earn their keep by performing an amount of labour at least commensurate with the cost of their food.

RECOMMENDATIONS

From the report:— We might summarise our conclusions in the following form. We consider that the moral, mental, physical, and economic conditions of the average Chinese prisoners in the prisons of Hong Kong differ so radically from those of the average prisoner in a prison in Great Britain that too rigid and literal an adherence to conditions and regulations applying at Home would defeat the object desired.

It is of course recognised by us that the dietary supplied should be sufficient to maintain the average prisoner in a decent state of health whilst undergoing the type of labour demanded by his sentence. It is necessary for him to have a sufficiency of rest and leisure, but it does not follow that his requirements correspond with those of an English prisoner in an English climate. For this reason we recommend that (a) the standard of discipline be tightened, (b) that the system of feeding be entirely reorganised, (c) that the prisoners where possible should be made to earn their keep by performing an amount of labour at least commensurate with the cost of their food, and (d) that an effort be made to separate hawkers, at least, and deal with them apart from criminal prisoners. We cannot at this stage deal with the entire lack of reformatory treatment in the Hong Kong Prisons.

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CATHOLIC BISHOP'S LETTER ON WAR

For the second time since the beginning of the war, the Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong, Bishop Valtorta, has addressed a special letter to the Catholics of his Vicariate on their duties in time of war.

The letter, which was issued in Chinese, pays a tribute to the heroism of the Chinese soldiers who have fallen in the war and cites their example as an incentive to all citizens to do their duty to their country. The Bishop points out that loyalty to one's country is a Christian obligation, and he urges all to show it by helping in every way they can those who have suffered because of the war. He pays a special tribute to the Hong Kong Catholics for the generous way in which they have taken up the work of War Relief, and he urges them to continue it with increased vigour. The letter gives proof of sincere sympathy with the sufferers of the war, and is a document of great practical value.

NEW GOVERNMENT WILL RULE SHANGHAI

Peiping, Dec. 15. The government established here will govern all territory from whence the Kuomintang was driven including Shanghai, declared Tang Erh-ho, Chairman, in a statement to Reuter's correspondent. The regime had defacto Japanese recognition and was the Government of China and would seek foreign recognition and financial co-operation and will be friendly to all except Communists. It too early to have a president. The regime at present consists only of administrative, judicial and legislative commissions and no foreign affairs or military departments. Reuter.

VICEROY OF ABYSSINIA

Rome, Dec. 14: The new Viceroy of Abyssinia, the Duke of Aosta, cousin to the King of Italy, sailed for Abyssinia to-day, in the company of the Italian Minister for Public Works who will inspect the road building in Ethiopia. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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PEAK SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

Satisfactory Standard
Of Work During
The Year

The annual prize distribution of the Peak School took place yesterday afternoon at the Peak Club, there being a very large attendance of parents and friends. Mrs. N. L. Smith, wife of the Colonial Secretary, presented the prizes.

The Headmistress, Miss Newsholme, in her report for the year 1936-1937 said the school year began on September 14 with 59 names on the roll and ended on July 17 with 63 pupils. The attendance was quite well maintained throughout the year, and the health of the children, except for a few isolated cases, had been good. The school was inspected on several occasions by Mr. Ralston. The children worked well and a satisfactory standard of work had been shown. Excellent reports had been received of former pupils who had gained distinction in their studies locally and in England.

After expressing her thanks to the Staff for their ready co-operation, the Headmistress called upon Mrs. Smith to present the prizes.

In a short speech, Mrs. Smith said it gave her much pleasure to be present that afternoon, and to know that such good progress had been achieved during the year by the school. She enjoyed every moment of the excellent entertainment staged by the pupils, and said it was a great credit to those who had been responsible for training them.

PRIZE WINNERS

The prize list was as follows:—
Class 1, Division 1:—For Reading—Adrian Robertson; Number—Jeremy Hargreaves; General Progress—Tony Hall. Division 2:—For Reading—Michael Pringle; Number—Philip Ralph; General Progress—Minka Witkamp.

Class 2, Division A:—Susan Dibley; B.—Brian Platt; C.—Richard Henderson. Special Prize for Neatness (presented by Miss Newsholme)—Astrid Hansen.

Class 3, 1st Prize—Eleanor Sanger; 2nd Prize—Vivian Ralston; Special Prize for Neatness (presented by Miss Newsholme)—Allan Douglas.

Class 4, 1st Prize—Rita Langston; 2nd Prize—Janet Dibley; Special Prize for Neatness (presented by Miss Newsholme)—David Anderson; Special Prize for Music (presented by Miss Bichenor)—Elizabeth Hargreaves; Special Prize for Gardening (presented by Miss Bichenor)—Elizabeth Black.

The prize distribution was preceded by a splendid programme of entertainment provided by the pupils, including scenes from Longfellow's "Hiawatha."

FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB

Ambulance Cup

The following numbers of cancelled sweep tickets are for public information:—

10214	10217	10248	10251	10252
10253	10254	10255	10257	10258
10861	10870	10871	10880	11084
11086	11087	11088	11089	11090
10258	10259	10260	10601	10610
11109	11116	11110	11119	11120
11130	11129	11138	11140	11183
11164	11165	11169	11192	11193
11195	11196	11197	11198	11199
11214	11337	11330	11331	11338
11394	11395	11396	11397	11398
11399	12304	13025	13073	13677
14171	14180	14670	14671	14688
16689	16690	16691	16690	17222
17224	17229	17230	17174	17175
17176	17177	17178	17180	18501
19051	19059	19071	19080	19102
19103	19109	19110	19177	19232
19242	19497	19500	19509	19641
19650	19732	19739	20414	20601
20970	21501	21510	22031	22738
22743	22981	22990	24221	24230
24386	25601	25610	25631	25640
25873	25983	25988	25987	25990
26841	26850	27901	27902	28491
28500	28881	28890	29046	29201
29205	29208	29209	29210	29465
29486	30681	30670	31041	31948
31950	32116	32125	32127	32151
32152	32201	32203	32222	32223
32227	33487	33727	33746	33801
33805	33806	33807	33808	33809
33810	33821	33822	33824	33825
33826	33827	33828	33829	33830
33833	33834	33835	33836	33837
33838	33839	33870	34468	34468
34469	34481	34490	34805	36001
36810	38761	38770	38973	38974
38975	38977	38978	38979	39001
39010	39378	40303	40314	40315
41241	41248	41247	42211	42212
42213	42603	42605	42604	42605
42607	42608	42609	42610	11811
11874	11879	11880	39373	33804
33803				

H.K. AQUARIUM SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING
Finances Sound

The healthy state of finances despite lack of enthusiasm amongst members was stressed at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Aquarium Society, held in Miss Daisy O'Keefe's Rooms of Dancing, Bank of East Asia Building, last night. Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz was in the chair, and was re-elected President.

Reading his report, Mr. E. B. Sugars, Hon. Secretary, said the Society had not attained the success expected. Certain Council members had been inactive and he had not had as much support as he might. The work had, in fact, been done by three men, the President, Mr. R. A. Pereira, the Hon. Secretary, and he himself. The support of members generally had been very disappointing. In some cases the only way to get them to attend meetings was by offering distribution of free fishes.

The membership was now 41 as compared with 37 last year. At the last Council Meeting the monthly subscription was amended to \$1, but members could pay \$10 a year if they preferred. He expressed thanks to Miss Daisy O'Keefe for the use of her office during town meetings.

Mr. R. A. Pereira said the finances were sound. The Society started the year with a credit balance of \$139.31.

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The Chairman said though the record for the year may sound a little disappointing at first, it must not be forgotten the Society was a young one and full results could not be expected in a few months. The financial aspect was good. He paid tribute to the great work done by Messrs. Sugars and Pereira.

In making suggestions for activities of the coming year, Dr. Herklotz said it might be a good idea to start a Natural History Society, in which the Aquarium Society would be a branch. He and Mr. Sugars thought much of the notion and he intended to give it every consideration on his return from leave next year. Another suggestion, made by Mr. Sugars, was to start a Chinese sub-section of the Society. These suggestions would be put forward for the Council to consider.

The following officers were then elected:—
President—Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz; Vice-President—B. E. Sugars; Hon. Secretary—R. E. Slatery; Hon. Treasurer—R. A. Pereira; Librarian—H. Leuer.

LOCAL YACHTING

Yesterday's Results

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held Sweepstake Races yesterday afternoon.

Detailed results were as follows:

"A" Class—Started at 14.45
Finished Corr. Pos.
Carpenter 16.53.58 16.53.58 4
(Major B. E. C. Dixon).
Nereid II 18.46.46 16.46.46 1
(Capt. C. E. Barry, R.N.).
Gull 16.55.14 16.55.14 5
(Mr. R. Stock).
Kittiwake 16.48.54 16.48.54 2
(Miss P. M. King).
Jean 16.50.24 16.50.24 3
(Col. G. C. Gowland).
Mixed Classes—Started at 14.55
Aerial 16.45.58 16.45.58 1
(Mr. C. D. A. Ross).
Gael 17.37.39 17.38.24 5
(Major C. T. L. Archer).
Alisa 16.59.14 16.51.39 3
(Mr. W. A. Ingram).
Heron 17.07.11 16.58.26 4
(Lt. Comdr. W. S. Hall, R.N.).
Widgeon 16.57.25 16.48.40 2
(Miss Crawhall-Wilson).

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

At the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday evening the home team entertained and beat St. John's by 6 sets to 3 in the "B" Division of the Badminton League.

There will be no tombola in the Garrison Lecture Hall on Friday, but it will be held as usual on Saturday, December 18.

Mt. Killmanjaro, 19,321 feet, has been conquered by a young German girl, Fraulein Ursula Alblus, who climbed to the summit by a new route.

KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL

Prizes Presented By
Lady MacGregor

The annual prize-giving of the Kowloon Junior School was held yesterday at the Central British School when Lady MacGregor distributed the awards.

Before the prize-giving a gymnastic display was given by the pupils, and was much appreciated. Among those present were Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, Mr. W. Kay, Director of Education, Mr. C. G. Solis, Inspector of English Schools and Mr. D. M. Richards, Headmaster of the Central British School.

Mr. Kay on behalf of the Headmistress, Miss M. Cooper, at the conclusion of the function thanked those present for their attendance and Mr. J. Revis for the donation of a net-ball pole.

PRIZE LIST

The prize winners were as follows:—

Class 4:—First in class, Judith Hall; Second in class and Government Scholarship, Keith Martin; Head's prizes for progress, James Webster and Joan Millard; Mrs. Booker's Prize for Arithmetic, Yvonne Blackmore.

Class 3:—First in class, Dorothy Revis; Second in class, Dorothy Dawson; Head's prize for progress, Brian Pengelly; Mrs. Richard's prize for Hand Work—Pegryn Faber.

Class 2A:—First in class, Sybil Foxman; Second in class, Pamela Parkes; Head's prize for progress, June Orr; Mrs. Saunders' prize for progress, Helen Logan; Hand-work prize, Nigel Pearson; Progress, John Boyce.

Class 2B:—First in class, Derek Evans; Second in class, Dawn Ramsay; Good Work, Peggy Moran and Margaret Walker; Head's prize for Progress, Macdon Kempston; Miss Whitley's prize for Drawing, Patrick Moss.

Class 1:—First in class, Desmond Rodger; Second in class, Alastair Dick; Head's Prize for Progress, Pippa Portallion; Mrs. Humphrey's prize for Good Work, Ian Lindsay; Prizes for Reading, Rowena Cairns and Joyce Cave; Progress, Janet Brewin, Norma Clarke, Billy Fisher; Patsy Dimberline, Sheila Waterton, Ena Taylor.

Lady MacGregor's prize for All Round Ability, Molly Jack.

Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

Football.—Second Division, 5th Bde. R.A. v. Middlesex (Military ground), 4 p.m.

Meeting.—Victoria Chess Club, Club, at Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Tennis.—R.A.O.C. Association (Ladies' Branch) Tennis at Soekunpoo, 10 a.m.

TO-MORROW

Badminton.—Mixed Doubles, Tal-koo v. St. Andrew's; Kowloon Tong v. Recreation "A"; Recreation "B" v. University.
Meetings.—Annual General of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club ("S. C. M. Post" Board room), 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

Football.—Senior Shield (First Round): St. Joseph's v. Kowloon (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.) Referee: Stedman. Linemen: Farr and Morecroft; Club v. Eastern (Club, 4 p.m.) Referee: MacCormac. Linemen: Purnell and Sharpe; First Division: Kowloon Chinese v. Middlesex (Kowloon, 4 p.m.) Referee: Finch. Linemen: Dove and Phillips; Junior Shield (Second Round): Seaforts v. Club (Club, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Ottaway; Engineers (E.) v. Navy (Soekunpoo, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Young; Kowloon v. Ordnance (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Clark; South China v. Eastern (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: French; Kwong Wah v. Engineers (C.) (Chatham Road, 4 p.m.) Referee: Fees, R.C. of Signals v. Middlesex (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: J. Silva. Portuguese S.A. v. Air Force (King's Park, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Edwards.
Racing.—Hong Kong Jockey Club Thirtieth Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Football.—Senior Shield (First Round): Police v. South China ("A" Club, 4 p.m.) Referee: Omar. Linemen: Farr and Barretto; Third Division (Hong Kong): Police v. Engineers (Club, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Havelaar.

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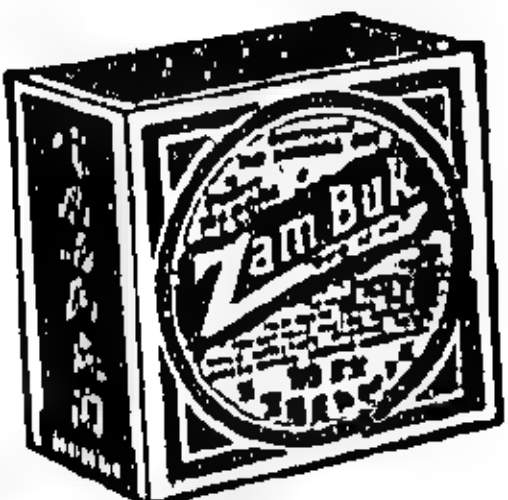
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TRAINING GALLOPS

Times Taken At Happy Valley

The following times were taken during the training gallops at the Race Course yesterday:

	Dis- tance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	Last Qr.
A Great Time	1	34.1	1.04.3	1.31.1			26.3
Derby Day	1	35	1.05.3	1.32.1			26.3
Perfect Day	1	36.4	1.11.1	1.44.3	2.11		28.2
Wild Life	1	34.1	1.07.2	1.37.2			30.
Voltaire & Mac's Adventure	1	39	1.15.3	1.48			32.2
Sylvandale	1	46.2	1.24	1.52.2			28.2
Laughing Cavalier	1	43	1.23.1	1.54.1			31
Tabby Cat & Scenic View	1	38.3	1.13.4	1.47.2	2.18.2		31
Jungle Jim	1	34.1	1.07.3	1.41	2.13.2		32.2
King's Warden	1	40.2	1.16	1.50	2.21		31
Commencement Bay & Boolat Bay	1	35.3	1.09.3	1.42	2.13.3		31.3
King's Bounty	1	37.2	1.12.2	1.46.2			34
Llangollen	1	33.2	1.05.2	1.32			26.3
Diogenes	1	41	1.21.3	2.00	2.33		33
Gordie & Good Morning	1	41	1.17.2	1.51.2	2.21.4		30.2
Bag Tor	1	42	1.16.1	1.44.4			28.3
Gold Coin	1	43.1	1.32	1.55.4			33.4
Aztec	1	27.2	54.4	1.22.4			28
Happy Venture	1	40	1.18	1.52.3			34.4
Radium	1	38	1.12.4	1.46			33.1
Lancashire Chips	1	32.2	1.01.3	1.31			29.2
Australian Boy	1	33	1.04.3	1.35.1			30.3
Firefly	1	35	1.08.3	1.39			30.2
Valorous	1	31.3	1.04.1	1.37.1			32.4
Shipmaster	1	38.3	1.15.2	1.47.1			31.4

FENCING

Danes Win 12 Of 16 Bouts

The women's fifth Anglo-Danish fencing match was won by Denmark at Bertrand's by 12-4. The match has always been won by the home country, and Denmark's success puts them 2-2 up on matches and 47-33 on bouts won in all five contests, which have been held bi-annually and alternately in the two countries.

Eight of the 16 fights were decided on the odd hit, so that the match was closer than the scores suggest.

Denmark won the first four bouts, three times on the odd touch. Then Miss Puddfoot scored England's first success by beating Froken Laemann 5-3. Denmark took the next four fights to lead 8-1, thus requiring to win only one of the remaining seven bouts to take the match.

GOLFER AND HIS DISTINCTION

First To Lose Ball And Club!

A visitor from Melbourne, playing golf on the Royal Cumbernauld links hit the ball so vigorously that the head of his driver flew into the rough and could not be found. He consoled himself when he found that in spite of the mishap, he had made a perfect drive. The ball had sailed straight down the fairway.

His period of consolation was short, however. Before he could make his next shot a crow dropped out of the sky and disappeared with his ball. His only satisfaction now is that he is the first player in Cumbernauld to lose both ball and club at the one hole. It all happened on the thirteenth fairway!

CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND WAR

Chinese Preacher's Denunciation

The Rev. Goh Hood Keng spoke on the Christian church's view of war in a sermon at the Straits Chinese Methodist Church, Kampor Kapor, Singapore, recently.

The Christian Church was against war, he said.

War was the biggest question of the day; everybody was discussing it. Conference after conference was being held in an endeavour to find a way out. Another war like world war and there would not be very much left of the world, said the Rev. Hood Keng. The last was a mere skirmish compared with future world war, if it came.

War was not only costly but destructive but the will of God was mightier than all the armies, ever marshalled.

As a substitute for war, Christ offered first truth, he said. Truth took care of itself and did not need a sword, and "you cannot get that kind of truth with bullet," the preacher declared.

No war could be carried on the basis of truth. There must be some amount of falsehood in order that war might be carried on.

"Truth comes to make man free," said Rev. Goh Hood Keng, "and truth is one of the factors that will eventually abolish war."

DUBLIN BEATS CAMBRIDGE

London, Dec. 14.

Dublin University won a close rugby match against Cambridge University to-day, succeeding by six points to five.

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have made a mistake. I'll have to marry you all over again."

"There was a general laugh and I think we all enjoyed the joke, for that is how I regard it now."

"I thought perhaps the bridegroom might have objected but he stood and said nothing. He gave the ring to me coming into the church and when I put it on the bride's finger he made no comment and neither did the bride."

"SHOVEL AND RAKE" GOLFER

Montague To Play In British "Open"

John Montague, the "shovel and rake" golfer, will play in the British Open Championship next year.

This will be the first tournament in which Montague, most discussed golfer in the world, has ever appeared.

He revealed this at Fresh Meadows Country Club, Long Island, to play in his first four-ball charity exhibition game with Babe Ruth, former baseball star, Babe Didrikson and Sylvia Annenburg.

"The best score I ever shot," he said, "was a 58 at Palm Springs. The par score for this course, which is of average length, is 68. During the past two years my average has stood at 63."

"And what do you think of your chances over here?" he was asked.

Mr. Montague became modest. "Ask my manager," he replied.

Manager Marty Forkins hurried to the phone.

"Well," he said, "in my opinion Mr. Montague is one of the world's greatest golfers, and I figure he stands a good chance of winning your championship."

"There'll be nothing freakish about my play," said Mr. Montague.

WEMBLEY SKATING

Cecilia Colledge Retains Title

London, Dec. 15.

The world's champion figure skater, Cecilia Colledge, successfully defended her English title in Wembley Stadium yesterday against the skating elite of the nation. She attained a total of 194.8 points, although Megan Taylor, who gained second place with 188.3 points, achieved a higher score in compulsory figures.

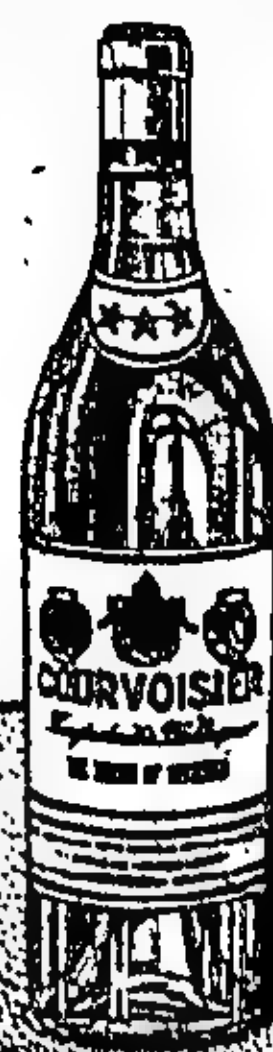
Graham Sharp defended his title with 192.6 points against Frederick Tomlins with 185.2, and Leslie and Violet Cliff evidenced a decided superiority over all opponents in pair skating.

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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong Stock Exchange Sharebrokers' Association

Buyers	Sellers	Names	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15.	Buyers	Sellers	Names
291		H.K. Banks	\$1,500			
		Do. (London)	\$1,500			
		Chartered Bank	21 1/2			
		Mercantile Bks. "A"	21 1/2			
		Do. "C"	21 1/2			
		Bank of East Asia	19 1/2			
		N. C. & S. Bank	19 1/2			
		Insurance				
27 1/2		Canton Insurance	\$270			
		Union Insurance	\$270			
		Underwriters	\$270			
		H.K. Fire	\$240			
		International Assoc.				
		Shipping				
44 1/2		Douglas	\$48 1/2			
		Steamships				
		Indo-China (pref.)	\$8			
		Do. (def.)	\$8			
		Shells	\$7 1/2			
		Waterways	\$9.30			
		Mining				
		Kailans	\$18 1/2			
		Yunnan United Fld.	\$6			
		Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
		H.K. & K. Wharves	\$116			
		Providents (old)	\$2.00			
		Do. (new)	\$5.00			
		H.K. & W. Docks	\$28			
		Shanghai Docks S.	\$100			
		New Engineering S.	\$3			
		Lands, Hotels, and Buildings				
		H.K. Hotels	\$5.10			
		H.K. Land	\$314			
		Do. 1/2 Leases	\$103			
		Metropolitan Lands				
		H.K. Land	\$4.75			
		China Land	\$3.40			
		Do. Leases				
		Humphreys	\$3.40			
		Chinese Estates				
		Cotton Mills				
		Ewo	\$13 1/2			
		Shao Cotton (old)	\$17			
		Do. (new)	\$34			
		Zhong Sing	\$40			
		Wing On Textiles (S.)				
		Ewo Cotton Lts. S.				
		Public Utilities				
		Tramways	\$13.30			
		Park Trans (old)	\$10			
		Do. (new)	\$10			
		Star Ferry	\$11.40			
		Yamata Ferry	\$11.40			
		China Lights (old)	\$11.80			
		Do. (new)	\$11.80			
		H.K. Electric	\$24			
		Macao do	\$24			
		Sandakan Lights	\$24			
		Telephones (old)	\$24			
		Do. (new)	\$24			
		China Buses	\$24			
		Traction	\$24			
		Do. (pref.)	\$24			
		Industrials				
		Caldbeck, (ord.) S.	\$1.70			
		Mugger (prof.) S.	\$1.70			
		Canton Ice	\$1.70			
		Cement	\$1.70			
		Hopes	\$1.70			
		Miscellaneous				
		Dairy Farm	\$24			
		Ob. Etanments	\$24			
		Constructions (old)	\$14			
		Do. (new)	\$14			
		Lao Crawford	\$7 1/2			
		Nanyang Tobacco	\$4			
		Singapore	\$1.50			
		Watsons	\$4			
		S. C. Enterprises	\$7 1/2			
		Cu. G. 5 1/2 1925 & 28 1/2	\$7 1/2			
		H. S. 1/2 1925 & 28 1/2	\$7 1/2			
		Do. 3 1/2	\$7 1/2			
		Wallace Harper	\$40			
		H.K. Wing Co.	\$40			
		Shai Do	\$40			
		Vibro Piling	\$8			
		Marsmans Ir. (Lon.)	\$8			
		Do. (H.K.)	\$8			
		Wm. Powells	\$7 1/2			

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(British Wireless Service)

	Dec. 13	Dec. 14
Paris	147-9/64	147-15/64
Geneva	21.60 1/2	21.60 1/2
Berlin	12.39	12.39 1/2
Athens		
Milan	95	94-15/16
Copenhagen		
Stockholm		
Shanghai		
New York	4.99-11/16	4.99 1/2
Amsterdam	8.98 1/2	8.98 1/2
Vienna		
Brussels	142-3/16	
Madrid		
Lisbon		
Hong Kong		
Bombay		
Montreal	4.99-11/16	18-5/16
Brussels	29.38 1/2	29.39 1/2
Yokohama		
Belgrade		
Monte Video		
Rio	2-21/32	2-41/64
Bucharest		
Silver (Forward)	18-3/16	4.99 1/2
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18-11/16
War Loan	3 1/2 101-9/16	3 1/2 101-9/16

Closing Quotations

December 16, 1937.

On LONDON:-	On New York:-
Telegraphic Transfer	Bank Bills, on demand 20 15/16
Bank Bills, on demand	Credit, 60 days sight 31 7/16
Credit, four months	On BARCELONA:-
On SHANGHAI:-	On demand
On demand	Bank Bills, on demand 9 1/2
On SINGAPORE:-	Credit, 4 months sight 9 7/8
On demand	On demand
On JAPAN:-	On demand
On demand	On demand
On INDIA:-	On demand
Telegraphic Transfer	On demand
Bank, on demand	On demand

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

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Silver prices rose yesterday to the extent of 3/16 for Ready and 1/8 for Forward, the quotations being 18 11/16 and 18 5/16 respectively. Silver advices reported a steady market with India and speculators as buyers. After the official fixing America was a buyer but sellers were reserved. American Silver was quoted at 44 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 499.72. New York-London was quoted at 499.3/4.

MARKET

Extremely dull with no business passing.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December and 1/2 31/32 January-February, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash-January and 1/3 February-March.

U.S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 31 1/4 Cash. 31 3/16 December-January and 31 1/8 February-March, buyers at 31 5/16 Cash. 31 1/4 January and 31 3/16 February-March.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 105 3/4, buyers at 105 7/8 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 3/16, buyers at 1/2 7/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars: sellers at 29 17/32, buyers at 29 19/32 for Spot.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

The market continued neglected.

BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$21.
Canton, Inds., \$27 1/2.
Douglases, \$48 1/2.
H.K. Steamboats, \$8.
Providents (Old), \$2.
China Lights (Old), \$11.
China Lights (New), \$10.80.
H.K. Electric, \$52 1/2.
Sandakan Lights, \$14 1/2.
China Lights Rights, \$5.

SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1500/1505.
Union Insurance, \$516.
H.K. & W. Docks, \$234.
China Lights (Old), \$11.15.
H.K. Electric, \$53.

HEAVY CHINESE INDUSTRIAL LOSSES

Factories Moving Inland

Hankow, Dec. 15: As a result of the hostilities in Shanghai, Chinese light and heavy industries in the port city suffered an aggregate loss of some \$3,000,000,000, according to an estimate made here.

Most of the major Chinese industries and factories have been completely ruined by shells and fire, while those remaining have either been seized by the Japanese or ruined beyond repair.

It is stated, however, that more than 100 of the firms succeeded in moving part of their equipment out of Shanghai before hostilities started. The total amount of machinery moved inland totalled over 12,000 tons.

As a result of the "back-to-the-country" movement, scores of factories have been established in the key inland cities near areas where raw materials are available. Dr. Wong Wen-hao, who is directing a special committee on mining, is taking steps to give immediate aid to the basic industries.

Central News.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS

London, Dec. 14.

For the first 11 months of the year, United Kingdom imports totalled £293,412,236, an increase of £169,539,952 over the corresponding period of last year and of £251,856,353 over the same period of 1935. Exports at £277,970,846 represented an increase of £277,728,061 over last year, and of £286,942,365 over 1935. These figures are given in the Board of Trade monthly overseas trade returns. The returns show that last month imports were valued at £27,251,216, compared with £26,985,427 in October and £28,079,845 in November last year.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuter's Service)

QUOTATIONS

New York, December 15

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	8.35	8.15	8.11	11 up
New York Cotton—Mar.	15.35	15.15	15.40	33 off
Chicago Wheat—May	93 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	7 1/2 up
Chicago Corn—May	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	1 1/2 up
Winnipeg Wheat—May	117 1/2	115 1/2	116 1/2	1 1/2 up
Silver—Official			44 1/2	unch.

	High	Low	Close	Change
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High Low Dow Jones Average	194.40	193.64	193.64	.87 up
194.40 193.64 30 Rail	31.30	31.53	31.10	31.30 unch.
37.54 19.64 20 Utilities	91.50	91.53	91.15	21.35 16 off
105.89 91.54 40 Bonds	83.63		83.68	7 off
82.41 62.03 11 Commodity Index	63.43		63.63	20 up

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* m.v. "SAUERLAND" for Yama, Nagoya, Kobe, Osaka, Dairen, Tientsin, 31st Jan.

HOMEWARD SAILINGS

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CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hong Kong, Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to us on or before the 22nd December, 1937, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, the 18th Dec., 1937.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO.
Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1937. [5814]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

STEAMER "WILLANDRA"
From MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st Dec., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 4th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1937. [5817]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. "HINDENBURG"

having arrived from Hamburg and Port of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given 48 hours prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Dec., 1937, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 17th Dec., 1937, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All Claims must reach us before the 11th Jan., 1938, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JEBSSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1937. [5807]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Co.'s Vessel "DIOMED" FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE

are hereby notified that their Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 14th Dec.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st Dec., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 4th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1937. [5817]

EXPENDITURE ON BRITISH REARMAMENT

RECORD HIGH TOTAL

Defence Minister Praises Co-operation of Manufacturers

London, Dec. 14. Sir Thomas Inskip, Minister for the Co-operation of Defence, speaking in London said the rearmament programme would not slow down for four or five years. Expenditure on defence, which stood at £277,000,000 in 1913 to 1914 and in 1924 at £113,000,000, amounted to £278,000,000 in 1937. In 1938 to 1939 between £330,000,000 and £340,000,000 would be spent.

The Government depended on the ingenuity and skill of manufacturers for assistance. If it had not been for the highest degree of willingness on the part of manufacturers, the Government could not, even if it had had nationalised industry, have done one tenth of what had been possible.

Rearmament had not reached anything like a full momentum, which it might attain in about 18 months. There was no reason for the slightest lament of gloom or depression. Industry generally was developing at the same time. There were in various parts of the country new factories which as yet were only in the early stages of preparation and at which hundreds of thousands of men and possibly women would be employed. The industrial strength of the country was greater to-day. By means of the rearmament programme, a new army of confident workpeople had been trained.

Sir Thomas Inskip said he had unfailing optimism regarding the British race and the capacity of the Government to guide policy so that the great disaster of war would be avoided.—
British Wireless.

DELBOS' VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

Friendly Discussions Lead To Trade Agreement

Belgrade Dec. 15: An official communique published here yesterday following the conference between the Yugoslav Premier, Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, states that complete harmony of views prevailed and that the conversations were carried on in the traditional spirit of Franco-Yugoslav friendship.

Both Ministers agreed that the two states, both of whom are members of the League, can best further their individual interests and at the same time support the cause of international peace by continuing to co-operate in the same spirit of friendship that has hitherto prevailed.—
Transocean.

London, Dec. 14. The Franco-Yugoslavia trade agreement, which operates from January 1, 1938, was signed by M. Yvon Delbos, the French Foreign Minister and Dr. Milan Stoyadinovich, this morning.—
Reuter.

PREMIER OPTIMISTIC

London, Dec. 14. The Prime Minister, replying in Commons to a request for a statement of the Government's policy to meet unemployment problems that threaten the country in view of the oncoming slump, said, "I do not accept the implication in the question. I consider any talk of an oncoming slump not only exaggerated but dangerous. This country is in a far better position to meet any temporary decline in trade than at any time since the War."

British Wireless.

POLITICAL PROCESSIONS PROHIBITION

London, Dec. 14: In the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, Home Secretary, announced that the period for prohibition of political processions in the East End of London would be renewed for a further three months.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

RAILWAY LOAN

Paris, Dec. 14: France has repaid another £2,000,000 of the £40,000,000 loan made to the French railways by British banks.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

PHILIPPINE MINING NEWS

AURORA MINING COMPANY is undertaking intensive exploration of its gold claims in Bokod, Benguet, with a view of having a more accurate preliminary evaluation of the claims under option to the company. Work has been concentrated on the six of the 25 veins already uncovered.

The copper claims of the company in Mangatarem, Pangasinan, are being turned over to an operating company for development on a royalty basis, while the iron and manganese claims in Camarines Sur are under examination by mining engineers of an operating company that will take over the properties if found to have commercial value.

CORDILLERA EXPLORATION Mining Company, Inc., has installed a 20-ton mill at its Mapula, Bay Abra claims. It was reported that ores have been excavated from the tunnels and brought to the mill site for milling. This will be the first company to have a mill installed in the province of Abra. The corporation is capitalized at P100,000. Of this amount P80,000 has been subscribed and fully paid up, the remaining P20,000 is being reserved for the claim owners. In view of the insufficient capital to carry on the development work, the board of directors contemplates increasing the capital from P100,000 to P500,000 in the future if there is a sufficient development work to warrant its recapitalization.

CHINA, JAPAN AND RUSSIA

Hankow, Dec. 15. "China is willing to accept the assistance of the great Powers of the world, but Chinese resistance to the Japanese invaders will continue unrelentingly," declared the press director to the Chinese Government, Mr. Shao Li-tse, to the Transocean correspondent in an interview yesterday.

He emphasised that China would never surrender willingly one province nor renounce her sovereignty over any part of the country, because such actions would render all sacrifices of the past fruitless. Submission to the Japanese, it is stated, would mean the end of China, because this would signify the termination of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's power and the beginning of a destructive civil war.

"China realises the strength of the Japanese military forces," asserted the director, "and is cognisant of the fact that her own forces in many respects are inadequate. For this reason the Chinese Ambassadors to the Great Powers have informed the Governments to which they are accredited that China will accept any form of assistance."

In reply to a question concerning China's attitude toward the Soviet Union, the speaker declared that assistance of a military nature is to be expected from Russia because Japanese penetration into North China constitutes a threat to the Union. For this reason, any action taken by Moscow would be principally for self-defence.

"China is not willing to purchase Russia's assistance at the price of adopting Communism," he declared, "since the Chinese Government through the years of long struggle against Communism has revealed its attitude in that respect."—
Transocean News Service.

JAPANESE APOLOGY

Tokyo, Dec. 14. The Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Hirota handed to the American Ambassador to-day an official Note from the Japanese Government expressing profound regret for the sinking of the gunboat "Panay" and the three Standard Oil Company ships. The Japanese Government offers full indemnity for the loss of life and property incurred.

The Note also promised to call to account those responsible for the incident. Stringent measures have been taken to make impossible, in the future, any recurrence of such outrages.

In conclusion the Note expresses the hope that the friendly relations of the two countries will remain unclouded and begs the American Ambassador to transmit the message to Washington.—
Transocean News Service.

NEWSPAPER MAN SUCCUMBS

Milan, Dec. 14. Sandro Sandri, the special correspondent of the Italian newspaper, "Stampa," who was hit by a piece of shrapnel during the bombing of the American gunboat "Panay" by Japanese planes, has succumbed to his injuries.

Sandri was regarded as one of the most daring Italian journalists. He took part in the March on Rome and was Marshal Graziani's Press Chief in the Abyssinian conflict. He has also fought as an Italian volunteer in Spain.—
Transocean News Service.

SECOND READING

London, Dec. 14: The Air Raid Precautions Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons without division.—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

JAPANESE NOT TO INTERFERE

Medical Supplies Will Enter China

The large quantity of medical supplies en route to Shanghai from Australia, Germany and the United States, and which are sorely needed by the Chinese military authorities for wounded soldiers, as well as by civil authorities for use in refugee camps, will not be interfered with by the Japanese authorities. It was disclosed by Colonel de Watteville, China delegate of the International Red Cross headquarters in Geneva.

The Red Cross official is now in Japan, responding to an invitation from the Japanese Red Cross, and at the same time will make all final arrangements in connection with the transportation and delivery of foreign supplies in China. From Japan, Colonel de Watteville will go to Washington, the headquarters of the American Red Cross, and there submit his report on the organisation in China. He has already cabled Geneva, suggesting that he be replaced by someone who will continue to form a liaison between the various organisations in China.

RED CROSS PROBLEMS

Prior to his departure for Japan, Colonel de Watteville completed a tour of Red Cross and military hospitals behind the front lines, and he declared that the wounded soldiers of China are now receiving much better treatment, and that hospital conditions have been vastly improved. He also revealed that the greatest difficulty confronting the military and Red Cross hospitals in China is not the lack of funds, but the conversion of money into supplies, and the transportation of supplies to bases. With the closing of a non-interference agreement with the Japanese authorities, the Red Cross official expects that the problem will soon be solved.

A dearth of experienced surgeons is among other major problems of the Red Cross which Colonel de Watteville disclosed. In that connection, the International Red Cross in Shanghai has sent for ten trained surgeons from Vienna, and they are expected to arrive in Shanghai shortly, accompanied by their staff. While even this will not fill the requirements, the arrival of the surgeons will, in any case, greatly facilitate the work of the International Red Cross.

JAPAN APOLOGISES

London, Dec. 15. The Japanese Ambassador called upon the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, yesterday and tendered on behalf of the Japanese Government apologies for the attack on British warships in the Yangtze. A note has also been handed to the British Ambassador in Tokyo, in which the deep regret of the Japanese Government over the incident is expressed and the promise made not only to call those responsible for the bombing to account but to recognise and pay the necessary indemnity.—
Transocean News Service.

FLANDIN TALKS WITH GOERING

Berlin, Dec. 15. The prominent French politician and former Premier, M. Pierre Etienne Flandin, who is on a private visit here to inform himself about German developments and policy, was received yesterday by the Premier, General Goering, with whom he held a lengthy conversation.—
Transocean News Service.

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CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

SILVER LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO

THE Motor Vessel "SILVERWALNUT"

having arrived from the above Ports on 14th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 20th instant, 1937, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the vessel's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st instant, 1937, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESS (FAR EAST), LTD., 2nd Floor, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Dials 23185 & 23189.

Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1937. [5822]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

FROM MONTREAL, BALTIMORE, PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, NEW PORT NEWS AND SAVANNAH.

THE Steamship "CITY OF SINGAPORE"

having arrived, consignees of cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by the steamer's surveyor on any Tuesday or Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. & Noon, within the Free Storage Period of One Week.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st Dec., 1937, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE (CHINA) LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1937. [5823]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG	... "KANOHOW" ... On 16th Dec. Noon
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	... "ANKING" ... On 19th Dec. 9.45 a.m.
SWATOW, THINGTAN, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	... "HOIHOW" ... On 19th (2) Dec. 10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	... "SUIYANG" ... On 19th Dec. 5 p.m.
SWATOW & HANGHAI	... "KIANGTUNG" ... On 19th Dec. 9 a.m.
HOIHOW & HANGHAI	... "KIANGCHOW" ... On 20th Dec. 5 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	... "SOOCHOW" ... On 21st Dec. 5 p.m.
SWATOW & HANGHAI	... "KALGAN" ... On 22nd Dec. 2 p.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HANGHAI	... "KINGYUAN" ... On 24th Dec. 5 p.m.

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ADVERTISED SAILING FROM HONG KONG

NORTHWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO COAST PORTS AND JAPAN

Amoy	Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Shanghai	Van Heutsz, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 19.
Shanghai	Sirdhana, B.I. (Apar), Dec. 23.
Shanghai	Shirala, B.I. (Apar), Jan. 6.
Chafco	Hindenburg, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.
Hindenburg	Tingsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 10.
Hindenburg	Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Hindenburg	Chang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 21.
Hindenburg	Chang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.

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Hindenburg, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Ixion, B. & S., Dec. 16.
City of Singapore, Bank Line, Dec. 17.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 18/19.
R.C. Rickmers, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.	Titan, B. & S., Dec. 23.
Titan, B. & S., Dec. 23.	Antenor, B. & S., Jan. 1.
Kulmerland, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 5.	Fulda, Melchers, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 13.

JAPAN

Hindenburg, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Ixion, B. & S., Dec. 16.
Kidderpore, P. & O., Dec. 16.	Kidderpore, P. & O., Dec. 17.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 17.	Kitano Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 17.
Pros. McKinley, A.M. Line, Dec. 17.	Kutsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 18.
Arabia Maru, O.S.K. Line, Dec. 23.	Sirdhana, B.I. (Apar), Dec. 23.
R.C. Rickmers, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.	Corfu, P. & O., Dec. 24.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S. Line, Dec. 24.	Burdwan, P. & O., Dec. 25.
Titan, B. & S., Dec. 25.	Suiyang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 25.
Agapenor, B. & S., Dec. 25.	Marchen Maersk, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 30.
Afrika, East Asiatic Co., Dec. 31.	Nellere, B. & S., Jan. 2.
Kulmerland, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 5.	Shirala, B.I. (Apar), Jan. 6.
Chitral, P. & O., Jan. 7.	Mausang, J.M. & Co., Jan. 7.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar, Jan. 8.	Tameland, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 8.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S. Line, Jan. 23.	

Kelantan

Tingsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 16.	Hindenburg, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.
Gustav Diederichsen, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 17.	Suiyang, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Mamon, B. & S., Dec. 19.	Kwangtung, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Soochow, B. & S., Dec. 21.	Leeang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 21.
Chakong, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.	Conte Verde, Lloyd Triestino, Dec. 23.
Houtman, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 1.	Chitral, P. & O., Jan. 7.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S. Line, Jan. 23.	

Swatow

Tingsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 16.	Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Soochow, B. & S., Dec. 21.	Leeang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 21.
Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 22.	Chakong, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.

Taku

Hindenburg, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	
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Tientsin

Tingsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 16.	Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 19.
Leeang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 21.	Chakong, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.

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Hindenburg, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Tingsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 16.
Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 19.	Leeang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 21.
Chakong, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.	Kulmerland, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 5.
Fulda, Melchers, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 13.	
Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 19.	

EASTWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Bahia

New Orleans, Thoresen's, Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 1.
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Baltimore

Tricolor, Doddwell's, Dec. 13.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, Dec. 31.
Nota Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 1.

Boston and New York

Tricolor, Doddwell's, Dec. 13.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, Dec. 31.
Nota Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 1.

Cristobal

Tricolor, Doddwell's, Dec. 13.	New Orleans, Thoresen's, Dec. 31.
Nota Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 1.

Honolulu

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S. Line, Dec. 24.	Pres. Coolidge, Dollar, Jan. 8.
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Los Angeles

Tricolor, Doddwell's, Dec. 13.	Pleasantville, Bank Line, Dec. 23.
Nota Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 31.	Marchen Maersk, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 1.

Portland and Farewell Bend

Pleasantville, Bank Line, Dec. 23.	Pres. Coolidge, Dollar, Jan. 8.
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Seattle

Ixion, B. & S., Dec. 16.	Pres. McKinley, A.M. Line, Dec. 17.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S. Line, Dec. 24.	Emp. of Russia, C.P.S. Line, Jan. 23.

Vancouver, B.C.

Ixion, B. & S., Dec. 16.	Pres. McKinley, A.M. Line, Dec. 17.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S. Line, Dec. 24.	Emp. of Russia, C.P.S. Line, Jan. 23.

Victoria, B.C.

Ixion, B. & S., Dec. 16.	Pres. McKinley, A.M. Line, Dec. 17.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S. Line, Dec. 24.	Emp. of Russia, C.P.S. Line, Jan. 23.

SOUTHWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO COAST PORTS, MANILA, AUSTRALIA

Australian Ports, East and West	Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.	Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 2.

Bangkok

Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4.
Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 22.	Kalga, B. & S., Dec. 22.
Barents, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.	

Batavia

Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 11.	Trave, Melchers, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 9.

Belawan-Deli

Van Heutsz, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.	Scharnhorst, Melchers, Dec. 25.
Trave, Melchers, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 9.	

Brisbane

Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.	Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 2.	

Cebu

Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.	Silverwalnut, Furness, Dec. 23.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4.

Davao

Silverwalnut, Furness, Dec. 23.	Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.
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Halibon

Kiungchow, B. & S., Dec. 20.	Hoihow, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Anking, B. & S., Dec. 17.	Kiungchow, B. & S., Dec. 20.
Hai Hing, Thoresen's, Dec. 19.	

Java

Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 11.	

Makassar

Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 11.	

Manila

Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Ramsey, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.
Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.	Emp. of Canada, C.P.S. Line, Dec. 16.
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Dec. 16.	Victoria, Lloyd Triestino, Dec. 19.
Silverwalnut, Furness, Dec. 23.	Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.
Pres. Grant, A.M. Line, Dec. 25.	Scharnhorst, Melchers, Dec. 25.
Pres. Coolidge, Dollar, Dec. 31.	Anna Maersk, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 31.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 2.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 11.	Emp. of Japan, C.P.S. Line, Jan. 14.

Penang

Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.	Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 2.	

Rasul

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 2.	Tai Suen Hong, J.M. & Co., Dec. 16.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.	Hinsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 31.

Sandakan

Tai Suen Hong, J.M. & Co., Dec. 16.	Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.
Hinsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 31.	

Scorabai

Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 16.	Tjinsand, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4.
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 11.	

Sydney

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.	Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 2.
Thursdays Island	
Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.	Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.
Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.	

Townsville

Chang, B. & S., Dec. 17.	
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WESTWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO EUROPE, AFRICA, ETC.

Aden

Sarpedon, B. & S., Dec. 17.	Behar, P. & O., Dec. 18.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 18.	Victoria, Lloyd Triestino, Dec. 19.
Ramsey, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.	Deucalion, B. & S., Dec. 23.
Soudan, P. & O., Jan. 1.	Caisterkerk, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 3.
Gleniffer, J.M. & Co., Jan. 4.	Titan, Thoresen's, Jan. 7.

Bombay

Behar, P. & O., Dec. 18.	Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Dec. 19.
Victoria, Lloyd Triestino, Dec. 19.	Jeypore, P. & O., Dec. 21.
Ramsey, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.	Ramsey, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.
Soudan, P. & O., Jan. 1.	Toyma Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 27.
Soudan, P. & O., Jan. 1.	Soudan, P. & O., Jan. 1.
Talms, B.I. (Apar), Jan. 1.	Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Jan. 2.
Ryuu Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 24.	Scharnhorst, Melchers, Dec. 25.
Tsushima Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 25.	Kumang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.
Soudan, P. & O., Jan. 1.	Soudan, P. & O., Jan. 1.
Talms, B.I. (Apar), Jan. 1.	Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Jan. 2.
Ryuu Maru, N.Y.K. Line, Dec. 24.	Scharnhorst, Melchers, Dec. 25.

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BRILLIANT
BALL

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PRESIDENTS' APPEAL

In an excellent and sympathetic speech, Sir Atholl said: And now I ask your indulgence for only a few minutes while I try to tell you a little of what the International Medical Relief Society stands for, what it has done, is doing and hopes to do in the future.

The Society was formed on September 24, and its declared objects are to assist and co-operate with other similar local organisations, to get funds, clothing and medical supplies in aid of the Chinese Red Cross, and to support at least one Red Cross unit for the duration of the present unfortunate hostilities.

The Society is truly international, for on its Committee, besides Chinese, are British, American, French, Italian and Portuguese.

What have we already done? Seventy tons of clothing have been collected and sent to China, as well as many hundreds of woollen jackets. Our helpers have made more than 80,000 bandages and hundreds of triangular bandages, gauze pads, gauze rolls and first aid kits. A sterilizer costing \$700 has been sent to a Red Cross Unit in Shanghai and we have despatched to various centres nearly \$10,000 worth of medical supplies, ether, iodine, antiseptic serum and drugs of all sorts.

RED CROSS UNIT

That grand work is still going on. Our helpers are busy every day making bandages and dressings, and to the very utmost of our financial ability we are purchasing or receiving from generous donors medical supplies of every kind, and sending them where they are so sorely needed.

An American surgeon, Dr. L.B. Grentree, volunteered his services to the Committee, and is now working in a Red Cross hospital in Shanghai.

To all who have so generously helped us by gifts of money or material we are wholeheartedly grateful, but the need is so urgent and so vast that if our work is to continue there must be more and yet more money.

I have already told you that one of our declared objects is to maintain at least one Red Cross Unit in the field.

To that we are committed, in that undertaking we must not fail, but one unit involves a monthly expenditure of \$1,200, and who can say for how many months we are pledged to contribute that amount?

Every one of you may rest assured that every cent we get is wisely spent to the best advantage.

Cold, hunger, disease and suffering are widespread over China, that great country which is the motherland of so many of you.

CAUSE OF HUMANITY

It is for the relief of suffering and pain that I ask for money, not only from you who are "here to-night" but from all whom my words may reach. No sum is too great for our work; no contribution too small.

It is in the sacred cause of humanity that I make this appeal. I know that it will not fall on deaf ears.

As President of this pleasant function I wish you all a very sincere welcome, and thank you for your support. It is a matter of great gratification to those responsible for the arrangements this evening that every ticket has been sold, and in some cases at a price fixed for tickets. I am happy to announce, too, that a generous supporter, who wishes to remain anonymous, is paying the whole cost of this dinner, so that the financial success of the evening is assured.

FORGERY CASE

Judgment was delivered by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Cheng Ping-kwan, 24-year-old broker, was charged with obtaining money by means of forged documents from Mr. R. A. da Silva, Manager of the Colonial Trading Company.

In convicting defendant, His Worship said: "I have considered carefully the submissions of the defence in this case. The main facts are not in dispute. Defendant has admitted that the order forms were forged. He said he had no intention to defraud. It seems to me that the law of forgery is primarily to protect the sanctity of documents. In the case Rex versus Hill (here His



Miss Delle Ellis, winner of a personality contest in Shanghai, will sing and tap dance at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on Dec. 21 at an intertainment sponsored by the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association.

REPORT ON
MUI TSAI
IN COLONY

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

The report continues:—Once again labour conditions in the Colony have been quiet during the year under review. As compared with 1935 there has been a marked decrease in unemployment especially among skilled and semi-skilled workers. This is undoubtedly due to the expansion and increased activity of our local industries which was foreshadowed in the annual report for 1935.

The stabilisation of the local dollar at a comparatively low rate "vis a vis" sterling has been of great assistance to local industries and it is particularly gratifying to notice that heavy industries have had a fairly good year.

There is still a certain amount of unemployment in the ranks of unskilled labour but this may be expected to decrease in proportion to the improvement in world conditions which is sharply reflected by the Colony's export trade.

Unfortunately it has to be recorded that there is considerable unemployment in the New Territories though it would appear that this is largely attributable to a specific cause. Although practically all the New Territories villagers are small land owners, it has for a long time been customary for a large proportion of the male population to earn a livelihood at sea.

THE ARCADIAN

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Among the cast it is truly difficult to individualise, but one must enquire to the full the "Sombra" of Anne Winter, whose pleasing rendering of her arduous part leaves nothing to be desired. Harry Cockle in his dual role of Simplicius and Smith, serves up, as to the manner born, and, in combination with his opposite number, Willie Simpson as Peter Doodly, a wealth of humour, gives us a team guaranteed to keep the merriment in full swing.

Evelyn Fullerton as Mrs. Smith also contributes to the full to the humour of the many hilarious situations, whilst the charm of Doris Blair in her pleasing role of Ellen could easily overcome many harder citizens than Jack, well portrayed by Hector Wiggins.

The principals are fortunate inasmuch as they are excellently supported by a chorus of sprightliness and beauty, and it is now only left for me to recommend to our discerning public this really great effort of an amateur society.

Worship quoted from extracts) prisoner was found guilty in similar circumstances. I am bound to infer he had intention to defraud and find him guilty."

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, who had defended, accused, then made a plea for leniency, saying that defendant had a clean record and was a young fellow. He felt that the circumstances of the case were such that, though His Worship had ruled against him and found the defendant guilty, binding over would meet the ends of justice.

His Worship disagreed, holding that it was a reprehensible crime and he did not think it was a case for binding over. He imposed sentence of one month's imprisonment. Detective-Sergeant D. Davies prosecuted.

MAN SHOT BY
CONSTABLEResisted Arrest After
Dispute Over Cent
Worth Of Cigarettes

"I heard a gun shot. Shortly after, I heard two more in quick succession," said Leung Ho, a shop fook, in the witness stand at yesterday's resumed inquest, held at the Kowloon Magistracy, in connection with the death from gun wounds of a man named Ho Pan on November 13.

The deceased man was said to have struggled with a police officer while resisting arrest, and was alleged to have used a chopper on the constable in endeavouring to escape.

On November 13 a stranger went into a cigarette shop at No. 857, Canton Road to purchase one cent worth of cigarettes. He took four cigarettes as he tendered his copper but was told by the shopkeeper that he had taken two too many. A quarrel then followed and the man left the place dissatisfied. A short while after he returned with two men and created a disturbance in the cigarette shop. The husband of the shopkeeper arrived later and attempted to settle the dispute by agreeing to the man taking four cigarettes. This offer did not satisfy the three men, and a struggle ensued.

Police assistance was then summoned and deceased struggled with the constable and resisted arrest.

Leung Ho stated at yesterday's hearing that he saw the deceased struggle with the constable on the ground. Deceased broke away and rushed into the kitchen of the house, with the officer following in pursuit. Witness said that shortly after the constable had entered the kitchen he heard one shot and later two more in succession. The constable then came out, leaving the body of Ho Pan in the kitchen and summoned assistance.

Fung Wah-kee, master of a paper model shop, gave corroborative evidence. He added that he saw the constable's shirt being torn and that both the constable and his assistant were wounded in the hands.

After further evidence was given, the hearing was adjourned till Monday.

Appearing before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday, Pang Luk-wu and Tsang Wah, who were charged with demanding, with menaces, a sum of \$2,000 from Tam Kuk-ping, residing at No. 99, Prince Edward Road, were remanded till 2.30 p.m. on December 22.

Tsang Wah was also charged with fraudulent conversion of \$90 entrusted to him by Yip Siu.

WEATHER REPORT

ROYAL OBSERVATORY
HONG KONG

10 a.m., Dec. 15.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.13 ins.

Temperature, 59 F.

Humidity, 77 per cent.

Wind Direction, ENE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 70 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 64 F.

Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 10th to-day, 0.29 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1, 82.21 ins.

Against an average of 84.54 ins.

Sunset to-night, 5.41 p.m.

Sunrise to-morrow, 6.56 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.04.

Temperature, 67. Humidity, 85.

Wind Direction, ENE. Wind Force (Beaufort), 3. Maximum temperature, 69. Minimum temperature, 64.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 15 to 21, 1937.

High Water. Low Water.

Day. Time. Day. Time.

Wed. 15. 07.25. 17.15.

Thurs. 16. 08.33. 18.13.

Fri. 17. 09.39. 19.08.

Sat. 18. 10.41. 19.53.

Sun. 19. 11.40. 20.38.

Mon. 20. 12.35. 21.23.

Tues. 21. 01.25. 22.08.

FOREIGN MAILS

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(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words.

Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 3 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
STRAITS	Kidderpore	16th Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Kutnam	16th Dec.
BANGALORE and AMOY	Tisondari	16th Dec.
SWATOW	Hohow	16th Dec.
SHANGHAI and FONGCHOW	Soochow	16th Dec.
JAPAN	Sarpedon	16th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., HONOLULU and JAPAN	Emp. of Canada	16th Dec.
(Vancouver 8.30, 27th November)	Jeypora	16th Dec.
JAPAN		
U.S.A., HONOLULU and JAPAN (San Francisco, 17th November)	Pres. Pierce	16th Dec.
STRAITS	Anking	17th Dec.
JAPAN and FORMOSA	Katori Maru	17th Dec.
JAPAN	Tialak	17th Dec.
MANILA	Adriatic	17th Dec.
STRAITS and EUROPE via NEGA-PATAM (Letters and Papers) London date, 16th November	Hakme Maru	17th Dec.
SHANGHAI	Victoria	17th Dec.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Ki-nghow	17th Dec.
BANGKOK and SWATOW	Kagan	17th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Canary	18th Dec.
SHAN HAI and AMOY	Kwangtung	18th Dec.
STRAITS	Amalin	18th Dec.
MANILA	Pres. McKinley	18th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 8th December	Pan-American Airways Plane	20th Dec.
STRAITS and SWATOW	Lue-ow	20th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 11th December	Imperial Airways Plane	20th Dec.
STRAITS, MANILA and London Parrels (London date, 11th November)	Memnon	21st Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Sivdhanu	21st Dec.
STRAITS	Titan	22nd Dec.
STRAITS and EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 16th Nov. and London Parrels—London date, 18th November	Oorfu	23rd Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Rampura	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Burdwan	24th Dec.
SAIGON	D'Arizant	24th Dec.

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FOR	PER	DATE AND TIME
THURSDAY		
Samshoi and Wuchow	Kongso	Thursday 16th, 8.15 AM
Sandakan	Tai Sun Hong	8.20 AM
Swatow and Shanghai	Tingyang	10.30 AM
Japan and "EUROPE via Siberia" due Victoria 13th Jan. 1938	Kiama Maru	10.30 AM
Dairen and "Canada via Victoria" B.C. due Victoria 13th Jan. 1938	Ision	10.31 AM
Kongmoon and (Fakioi via Kongmoon)	Tai Lee	11.00 AM
Japan and "Pan Francisco" due San Francisco, 15th January 1938	Bekyo Maru	1.30 PM
*Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tinegara	2.30 PM
Straits and "EUROPE via Mar-tilles" due Mar-tilles, 18th January 1938	Behar	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Shanghai	Hindenburg	4.30 PM
Manila	Emp. of Canada	5.00 PM
*Straits and Calcutta	Santia	Par. 16th, 5.00 PM Ord. 17th, 8.30 AM
FRIDAY		
Air Mail for North China, Sian & Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Batavia and Sourabaya	Tisondari	8.30 AM
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Tuesday Island, 28th December	Ohanglo	Reg. 9.45 AM Ord. 10.30 AM
*Straits and "EUROPE via Marseilles" due Marseilles 14th Jan. 1938 and London Parrels—due London 20th Jan. 1938	Harpodon	Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 2.30 PM
Formosa, Japan and "EUROPE via Siberia" due Marseilles, 1st Jan. 1938	Hakme Maru	2.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st Jan. 1938	Katori Maru	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
SATURDAY		
Air Mail for North China and Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM

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